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STEPPING OUT: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrives to speak before President Bush at Wiesbaden Army Airfield Base in Germany on Wednesday. Bush, on a fence-mending trip to Europe, prepared to meet Thursday with Russia's Vladimir Putin. ♦ **Iran nukes:** Bush, Schroeder form united front | **Page 6**

U.S. on Guard for Bird Flu

Experimental vaccine, antivirals readied in case of outbreak

WASHINGTON | Amid dire warnings of an Asian pandemic, the U.S. government is preparing to test an experimental bird flu vaccine and is increasing disease surveillance in hopes of reducing the toll from any eventual American outbreak.

Antiviral drugs are being stockpiled just in case, and 2 million doses of vaccine are being stored in bulk for possible emergency use and to test whether it maintains its potency.

United Nations officials warned on

Wednesday that the Asian bird flu outbreak poses the "gravest possible danger" of becoming a global pandemic, three of which occurred last century, including one that claimed millions of lives.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told the National Press Club this week that "it is a worrisome situation," but she also said the United States "is not immediately on the brink of an avian flu epidemic."

The flu has affected poultry in eight Asian countries, with 45 human deaths among people who caught the illness. The virus is not known to have spread from person to person.

What health authorities fear most is that the virus might gradually mutate into a form that could pass easily among humans, as happened with the deadly flu outbreak of 1918. That would make a global threat most likely, Gerberding said.

"That's why it's important to have flu vaccine and antivirals, to be ready to react when it starts to emerge," she said. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

FOOD | Open Saturday Mornings Only The Cereal Bar and Cafe, a cereal-only restaurant, is heading to Chicago this spring, the company said Tuesday. The eatery will feature 30 cereals and 30 toppings, served in "bowls" resembling



Chinese take-out containers. The company, which began as a kiosk in the Arizona State University student union, announced plans for 10 more Cereal Bar and Cafes by 2006. Cereal Bar also offers TVs showing cartoons and free Wi-Fi Internet access. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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ARRESTS

Ashes to Ashes, Bust to Bust

A man was arrested at his grandmother's funeral in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., because police thought he was a murder suspect—but they had the wrong man. Police received a tip that

a suspect who had been on the run for two years was going to be at the funeral Saturday, and they thought Donovan Lightbourn, 20, fit the description. At least 10 deputies stormed the gravesite, grabbed Lightbourn, slammed him against a car and handcuffed him. They released him when they realized their mistake. (AP)

GAMBLING

Not Even a Two-Bit Operation

Members of a bingo-playing club at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizen Center in Klamath Falls, Ore., are no longer outlaws. Five months ago, the Department of Justice contacted the center after getting a complaint that bingo games were being played for cash—nickels, to be exact. The center has a gambling license for the



higher-stakes bingo program it runs, but the Golden Age Club is separate from the center and never had a gaming license for its nickel-bingo operation.

The Klamath County Board of Commissioners last week amended the social gaming ordinance to include bingo, to the relief of the seniors who learned they'd played an illegal game for the past two decades. "Have fun with your bingo, without the bureaucracy," Commissioner Bill Brown said. (AP)



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

NEW YORK

Give Me Your Tire

Because so much is riding on your dining choices, Bibendum, otherwise known as the "Michelin Man," visited "The Gates" art installation at New York's Central Park on Wednesday—part of a promotional event to announce the first-ever Michelin Guide to New York. Michelin, which already publishes guides throughout Europe, will send a cadre of its cuisine samplers across the Atlantic to rate some 500 restaurants and 50 hotels in the Big Apple. The guide is set to debut in November. (AP)

GETAWAYS

Make a Brake for It

Police in Edmonton, Canada, were looking for a limping crook after an armed robber was run over by his getaway vehicle Sunday, the Canadian Press reported. The knife-wielding man took cash and beer from a liquor store and was running to a van when it hit him, knocking him down and running over his leg, police said. He managed to pull himself from under the vehicle, climb inside and complete his escape. (EXPRESS)

TRAFFIC

Nothing to See Here

You know the problem: Traffic backs up because drivers slow down to look at an accident. Now, Massachusetts highway officials have a weapon to fight rubber-neckers—portable screens to block the view of an accident scene and keep drivers moving. The state has nearly 30 of the 7-foot-tall, 10-foot-wide vinyl tarps, and officials have used them at 15 accidents since December. (AP)

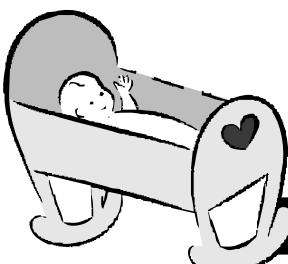
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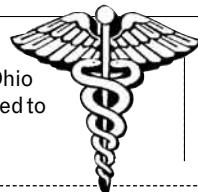
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MISS MANNERS: A bedside manner training center at the Medical College of Ohio received \$1.9 million from the trust of a deceased woman whose doctor once called to say she had terminal cancer — then hung up on her, the Toledo Blade reported.



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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Author Who Made Bush Tapes Says He Has Regrets

An old friend of President Bush who secretly recorded their private conversations and released them to the media said he has regrets and is turning the tapes over to Bush. Doug Wead allowed journalists to hear and broadcast the tapes in the past week as he promoted a book. But he said he canceled plans to be on "Hardball" on MSNBC Tuesday to talk about his regrets because "it would only add to the distraction I have caused to the president's important and historic work." (AP)

MOORPARK, CALIF.

Authorities Shoot Tiger in Hills Near Reagan Library

Authorities shot and killed a tiger Wednesday that had been roaming for days in the hills near the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. The cat was shot several hundred yards from school soccer and baseball fields at the edge of a housing development, officials said. Authorities still don't know who the owner is. (AP)

DENVER

Bryant to Be Questioned Under Oath for First Time

Lawyers for the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape will get their first chance to question him under oath when they meet the basketball star Friday in Los Angeles. L. Lin Wood and John Clune will question Bryant during a seven-hour session, the attorneys said Wednesday. (AP)

Efforts to Identify 9/11 Victims End

N.Y.C. keeps remains for future advances in DNA technology

NEW YORK | The city medical examiner's office says it has exhausted all efforts to identify the remains of those killed at the World Trade Center in 2001, confirming the heartbreaking truth for the many Sept. 11 families who wanted something, anything, to bury.

In the 3 1/2 years since the attack,

forensic scientists have identified the remains of nearly 1,600 of the dead. But the families are now being told that the limits of DNA technology have been reached, leaving more than 1,100 of the victims unidentified.

Nearly 20,000 pieces of bodies were found in the ruins — more than 6,000 small enough to fit in five-inch test tubes. The most matched to one person exceeded 200. More than 800 victims were identified by DNA alone.



N.Y. officials told Monica Iken they have been unable to identify the remains of her husband, a victim of the 9/11 attacks. (INA FINEBERG/AP)

Nearly 10,000 unidentified parts have been freeze-dried and vacuum-sealed for preservation in case advances in forensic technology someday enable scientists to identify the remains.

The victims' families praise the medical examiner's office and the gentle way the staff handled the heartrending task.

"We really felt they did everything they could," said Diane Horning, whose son was killed in the attacks. (SARA KUGLER/AP)

Fla. Court Extends Hold on Schiavo

Judge says he needs more time to weigh right-to-die dispute

CLEARWATER, FLA. | A judge Wednesday extended a stay keeping brain-damaged Terri Schiavo's feeding tube in place, saying he needed time to decide whether her husband, who wants to let her die, is fit to be her guardian.

Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer extended until Friday an emergency stay that was to expire Wednesday afternoon. He said he also needs time to determine whether Terri Schiavo needs more medical tests to see if she has greater mental capabilities than previously thought.

Terri Schiavo's parents have been in a bitter struggle with husband Michael Schiavo to keep her alive.



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP
LONG BATTLE: Bob and Mary Schindler, parents of Terri Schiavo, react Wednesday to the court's decision to extend a stay keeping their daughter's feeding tube in place.

She collapsed 15 years ago Friday, when a chemical imbalance possibly triggered by an eating disorder caused her heart to stop beating and cut off oxygen to her brain.

The Florida Department of Children & Families moved to intervene in the case Wednesday, hours after Gov. Jeb Bush said he was seeking to keep Terri Schiavo alive. (AP)

Prosecutors: Man Accused of Bush Plot Not Tortured

WASHINGTON | A Virginia man accused of plotting with al Qaeda to kill President Bush should be held indefinitely, federal prosecutors said Wednesday in court filings that also rejected his contention that he was tortured while held in Saudi Arabia.

At a court hearing a day earlier in Alexandria, Va., 23-year-old Ahmed Abu Ali offered to display scars on his back as proof that he was tortured by Saudi authorities.

In their filing Wednesday, prosecutors said, "There is no credible evidence to support those claims."

Edward MacMahon, one of Abu Ali's lawyers, said Wednesday he had not seen the motion and declined to comment. (AP)

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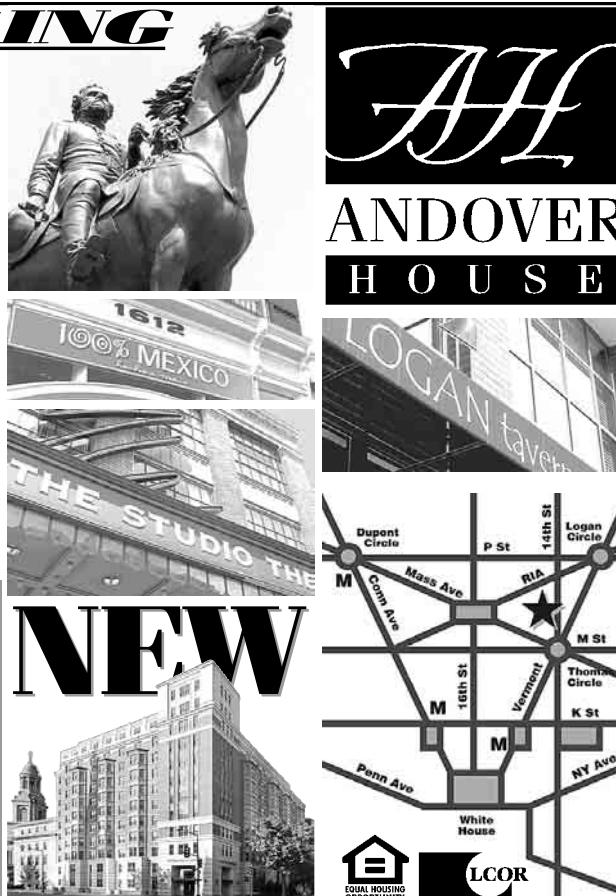
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Storm Recovery Begins in Calif.

Emergency crews work to assess damage after weather kills at least 9

LOS ANGELES | The sun began poking through the clouds Wednesday as California emergency crews shifted into cleanup mode after a six-day drenching that killed at least nine people, destroyed dozens of houses and flooded roads and airports.

The Transportation Department hurried to clear at least 20 major roads closed by mudslides and flooding, and in Malibu, crews prepared to destroy a large boulder that dangled above the Pacific Coast Highway, held back by only a retaining wall.

Engineers also fanned out across Los Angeles to assess the stability of houses on slipping soil. Seven more homes were added to a list of dwellings considered too dangerous to enter, bringing the total to 106.



Some homes in Los Angeles are considered unstable due to slipping soil.

Rain fell early in the day across part of Southern California but was expected to taper off as the storm's center headed east.

Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn is seeking a federal disaster declaration, which could open the way for aid from Washington. (AP)

Jury Selection Complete for Jackson Trial



BY THE NUMBERS: Professional women who put careers on hold for family or other reasons earn 18 percent less once they return to the workforce, a new survey reports. (AP)

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | Well ahead of schedule, a jury was selected Wednesday to decide Michael Jackson's fate on charges that he molested a teenage boy at his Neverland Ranch.



The panel consists of four men and eight women, ranging in age from 20 to 79.

Jackson Jury selection had been expected to last several weeks, but took only five court days. Selection moved at a fast pace due to tight time limits on how long each prospective juror could be questioned.

One of the jurors had been asked during selection if he recognized celebrity witnesses in the case including self-help guru Deepak Chopra. He responded, "I think he's a rapper." (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Reform Pitch: President Bush's push to reform Social Security has put a focus on private accounts, but dozens of alternative approaches are also gaining ground. | *Page A1*

Obama Fever: One of the keys to being well-liked in Washington is to appear humble — something the new senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, accomplishes with ease. | *Style*

Classy Rings: With hundreds of options and steep price tags, choosing a high school ring today is more like picking a wedding dress than a school-issued keepsake. | *Metro*

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TEXAS | EARLY BLOOMER



KEFRI BESIO/TAP

FLY BY: A bee pollinates the new blossoms of a red bud tree on Wednesday in Victoria, Texas, where flower-producing trees are showing signs of spring.

Supreme Court Curbs Segregation of Inmates

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court extended its skepticism of government policies that classify by race, ruling that state prisons cannot segregate inmates even temporarily except under the most extraordinary circumstances.

The 5-3 decision Wednesday set aside a lower court ruling for California that said prisons should have wide leeway to impose race restrictions for safety reasons. It all but ended a long-standing policy in California and called into question prison restrictions in two other

states, Texas and Oklahoma.

Since the landmark Brown v. Board of Education ruling in 1954, the court repeatedly has held that racial classifications by the government are usually unacceptable. Prisons should be no different even if the restrictions are temporary, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the majority.

In a dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas argued that justices generally have given prison officials a free hand in managing their facilities to control violence. HOPE YEN (AP)

Thompson Family May Blast Ashes From Cannon

DENVER | Hunter S. Thompson, the "gonzo journalist" with a penchant for drugs, guns and flame-thrower prose, might have one more salvo in store for everyone: Friends and relatives want to blast his ashes out of a cannon, just as he wished.

"If that's what he wanted, we'll see if we can pull it off," said historian Douglas Brinkley, now the family's spokesman.



Thompson

Thompson, who shot himself to death at his home Sunday at 67, said several times he wanted an artillery send-off for his remains.

Brinkley said Thompson did not take his life "in a moment of haste or anger or despondency" but probably planned his suicide well in advance because of declining health.

The author of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" was in pain from problems including a broken leg and a hip replacement. (AP)

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STICKING POINT: British officials met Tuesday for a summit on chewing gum and called for a 2-cent tax per pack that would help offset the costs of removing it from sidewalks, trains and other public places.



World

In Brief

LEBANON

PM Signals Willingness to Resign in Bid to Curb Anger

Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister, Omar Karami, said Wednesday he was willing to resign in an effort to contain growing anger at his government and Damascus over the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Karami made the offer to step down in a newspaper interview. "I am ready to resign on condition that we agree on a new government in order to avoid falling into a constitutional vacuum," he told the daily An-Nahar. (AP)

GERMANY

Two British Servicemen Convicted in Abuse of Iraqis

A military jury convicted two British servicemen Wednesday of involvement in abusing Iraqi civilians after a monthlong court-martial. The panel of seven senior officers found Lance Cpl. Mark Cooley, 25, and Cpl. Daniel Kenyon, 33, guilty at the proceeding held at a British base in Germany. A third defendant already pleaded guilty. Sentencing for all three was set for Friday. (AP)

COLOMBIA

Court Authorizes Extradition Of Drug Cartel Leader to U.S.

Colombia's Supreme Court on Wednesday authorized the extradition to the United States of Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela, who along with his brother Gilberto helped found the Cali drug cartel, the court's spokesman said. U.S. prosecutors say the brothers' organization imported tons of cocaine into the United States by hiding it in shipments of concrete fence posts, frozen vegetables, lumber, ceramic tiles, coffee and chlorine cylinders. (AP)

VATICAN

Ailing Pope Addresses Pilgrims by Video Hookup

Pope John Paul II, appearing somewhat gaunt and wheezing as he spoke, made his longest public appearance Wednesday since his hospitalization, but it was broadcast by video hookup after the Vatican canceled his planned appearance at his apartment window after rain and winds lashed Rome. (AP)

Canada PM Ducks Missile Shield Plan

Martin refuses to say if he will join U.S. effort

TORONTO | Prime Minister Paul Martin declined to confirm reports Wednesday that Ottawa would not join the contentious U.S. ballistic missile shield program, a move that would please his constituents but could further harm thorny relations with Washington.

Martin told shouting opposition members in the House of Commons that he would make his announcement "when it's in Canada's interest to do so."

The flap began Tuesday when Canada's newly appointed ambassador to Washington, Frank McKenna, said Ottawa was already part of the program. This provoked

a row in Parliament and opposition accusations that Martin had secretly stepped under the unpopular missile umbrella.

Most Canadians oppose the defense shield, which is in the midst of testing interceptors capable of taking out incoming missiles. Some believe the shield, when fully implemented, could lead to a global arms race and weapons in space.

Martin had promised a new era of Canada-U.S. relations after bitter divisions over the war in Iraq, and Americans have warned relations would deteriorate further if Canada refused to join the missile plan. BETH DUFF-BROWN (AP)

AFGHANISTAN | BOUND FOR AMERICA



EMILIO MORENATI/AP

RESCUE MISSION: Hakim Gul holds his son Qudratullah, who has a serious heart defect, as a U.S. medic gives him a checkup at Kabul's Camp Phoenix on Wednesday. The U.S. military is flying Qudratullah, his father and a translator to Indiana, where the 14-month-old will undergo open-heart surgery.

Saudi Women May Be Allowed to Vote

LONDON | Women may be allowed to vote in future Saudi Arabian elections, but such reforms must be carried out "gradually," the kingdom's foreign minister said Wednesday.

The country recently held its first regular election, for city councils. It was open only to men. (AP)

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, in London, said his country's election commission had recommended women participate in the next vote.

"I would not be surprised if they do so in the next round of elections," he said. Two more phases of the municipal vote will be held in March and April, but it was unclear whether Saud was referring to those elections. (AP)

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New Problems at Fannie Mae

Regulators find more accounting irregularities

WASHINGTON | Regulators investigating embattled Fannie Mae's accounting have found additional serious problems, the mortgage giant disclosed Wednesday.

At the same time, Fannie Mae, the biggest U.S. buyer of home mortgages, also received a three-month extension to boost its capital cushion against risk. The company has been reducing its home-loan portfolio as it prepared to meet the regulators' original June deadline for

a \$5 billion capital boost.

An eight-month investigation by the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which supervises Fannie Mae, last year found serious accounting problems at the government-sponsored company as well as a pervasive pattern of earnings manipulation and lax internal controls. The Securities and Exchange Commission ordered Fannie Mae in December to restate its earnings back to 2001, a correc-

tion estimated at \$9 billion. The company's chief executive and chief financial officer were later forced out by the board of directors.

Now OFHEO has informed Fannie Mae's board of additional problems including accounting for securities and loans, and practices to spread the impact of income and expenses over time, the company said in a statement.

Fannie Mae shares fell 64 cents to close at \$57.16 on the New York Stock Exchange, the lowest level in more than four years. (AP)

GADGETRY | IPOD NATION



COOL KIDS: Two youngsters pose with iPod minis at an Apple Store in Palo Alto, Calif., on Wednesday. Apple's new iPod mini lineup, unveiled Wednesday, includes a 4-gigabyte model for \$199 and a 6-gigabyte version for \$249. The playback time on a single charge is now 18 hours, up from eight.

Sony Offers New 'Slice' for Gamers

NEW YORK | Demonstrating a deep understanding of its computer-gaming audience, Sony has built the ability to order pizza into its latest online multiplayer game.

Type the command "/pizza" while playing Everquest II, a fantasy game with 330,000 active players, and get the Pizza Hut Web site, where you can place orders for delivery.

Chris Kramer, spokesman for Sony Online Entertainment, said he believes this is the first time a game accepts orders for real-world items. Sony hopes to build out the function so players can charge pizza to their monthly subscription bills. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
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CriimiM	18.70	+2.40	+14.7
SmedvA	18.91	+2.09	+12.4
IRSA	16.36	+1.49	+10.0
K2 Inc	14.78	+1.27	+9.4
InputOut	6.79	+.57	+9.2

Losers

Masco	33.07	-3.36	-9.2
JackHew n	20.19	-1.64	-7.5
ArchDan	23.10	-1.81	-7.3
CollAik	2.61	-.19	-6.8
WolvTub	10.82	-.78	-6.7

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	5.50	5.50	British Pound	.5237	.5231	.5372
Fed Funds close	2.50	2.50	Canadian Dollar	1.2374	1.2250	1.3363
3-month	2.62	2.53	European Euro	.7561	.7543	.7982
2-year	3.44	3.35	Japanese Yen	104.85	104.09	108.69
10-year	4.26	4.16	Mexican Peso	11.0790	11.0570	11.0620
30-year	4.66	4.52	Taiwanese Dollar	31.19	31.32	33.29

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
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Accredo	42.11	+11.87	+39.3
InsAut	27.58	+5.17	+23.1
Everlast	10.39	+1.66	+19.0
TiVo Inc	4.38	+.68	+18.4
ACE CO	3.07	+.47	+18.1

Losers

ApldSig	23.24	-4.28	-15.6
RurICellA	5.45	-1.00	-15.5
IntlElec	2.52	-.38	-13.1
CienaCp	2.40	-.35	-12.7
Possis	9.68	-1.39	-12.6

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
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+62.59 10673.79	+0.93 2031.25	+6.64 1190.80
+0.59	+0.05	+0.56

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	27.29	-.16	+2.6
BcBilVArg	17.13	+.12	-3.4
BcoSnCH	12.47	+.05	+.8
BkofAm s	45.73	+.53	-2.7
Barclay	44.69	-.20	-2.2
CredSuiss	42.93	+.11	+1.8
DeutschBk	87.84	+.83	-1.3
HSBC	84.66	-.18	-.6
JPMorgCh	36.48	+.55	-6.5
LloydTSB	38.10	-.46	+3.6
MitsuTyko	9.07	-.05	-11.3
UBS AG	86.84	+.95	+3.6
US Bancrp	29.68	+.54	-5.2
Wachovia	53.16	+1.29	+1.1
WellsFrgo	59.49	+.66	-4.3



TRAFFIC JAM: D.C.'s red light and speed cameras were hailed as lifesavers and called intrusive money-makers at a D.C. Council hearing Wednesday. Since 1999, the programs have netted more than 1.7 million violators and nearly \$100 million in fines.

Local

Mercury Spill at Cardozo

Pranksters blamed for incident; school shut for decontamination

WASHINGTON | About 600 students at Cardozo High School were checked for mercury exposure Wednesday following a spill inside the building.

The droplets "looked like a number of small marbles," said Deputy Chief J.R. Harney, of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

A second suspected spill was identified in the same first-floor hallway, and a third was located in a stairwell of the Northwest Washington school.

"This mercury was brought into the building by a prankster," said Reginald Ballard, Jr., the school's principal. Students found to be involved could face expulsion and possible criminal charges, officials said.

DCEM spokesman Alan Etter said traces of mercury were found on the shoes of 15 people, including two police officers. No mercury was found on anyone's skin, and no health problems were discovered, he said.

Ballard said the incident was shocking, because all mercury had been removed from science labs at Cardozo following a similar spill at Ballou high school in October 2003. Cardozo will be closed for the balance of the week so the entire building can be screened for contamination. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

IWO JIMA MEMORIAL | 60 YEARS LATER



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

HISTORIC SIGHT: Members of the U.S. Marine Corps gather at the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial to Iwo Jima on Wednesday—the 60th anniversary of the raising of the American flag during the World War II battle in Japan.

School Reopens After Cat Clinic

WASHINGTON | After a thorough cleaning, a Northwest D.C. grade school that was turned into a veterinary clinic reopened Wednesday. But a number of parents weren't convinced the school was satisfactorily scrubbed. Absenteeism ran about five times higher than normal.

"Sometimes well-intentioned

people do stupid things," Mayor Anthony A. Williams said of the weekend project in which some 500 cats were spayed and neutered at the John Eaton Elementary School. The mayor has barred similar programs from schools in the future.

"This is total chaos, it's cold in the school," parent Deborah Evans said. Food service areas, a multipurpose room and the pre-kindergarten area remained closed because they were still being ventilated. (AP)

Duncan Attacks O'Malley Over Slots

BALTIMORE | Sounding like a candidate for governor, Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan went on the offensive Wednesday, criticizing Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley for expressing even conditional support for legalizing slot machines in Maryland.

Duncan accused O'Malley of going along with policy the mayor has allegedly called "morally bankrupt."

"I don't understand how someone could stand up and say 'This is morally bankrupt, but we need to do it,'" Duncan said at a news conference in a Baltimore church. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, February 23

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-4-6 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	6-8-2 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	4-4-7-7
Evening DC 4	8-9-0-2
Quick Cash	12-38-34-28-15-36
Hot Five	2-28-17-7-25

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	9-8-5
Evening Pick 3	9-3-4
Mid-day Pick 4	2-9-4-1
Evening Pick 4	0-2-5-4
Match 5	I-5-23-36-38 Bonus: 14

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-5-8
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	6-9-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-9-9-0

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	6-4-5-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-19-29-30-32
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	2-5-13-23-25

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Central Md. Shaken Up By 3 Small Earthquakes

BALTIMORE | A series of small quakes shook Maryland on Wednesday, prompting calls from startled residents, but no reports of injury or damage, state officials said.

The first quake, with a magnitude of about 2.0, occurred at 9:22 a.m. and was centered about 10 miles north of Annapolis.

The second, of about the same or slightly lesser magnitude, occurred at 11:01 a.m. about 75 miles south of the first, near Hughesville in eastern Charles

County, said James Reger, a geologist with the Maryland Geological Survey.

A third smaller event was recorded at 12:08 p.m. by the same seismograph in western Baltimore County that recorded the first two, but its epicenter could not be immediately determined, Reger said.

Shelley Yeates said she at first thought something had run into her Glen Burnie home.

"I heard a sort of roaring noise," she told WBAL-TV in Baltimore.

ALEX DOMINGUEZ (AP)



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Entertainment

Change for 50 Cent

The indestructible rapper tries to prove himself all over again

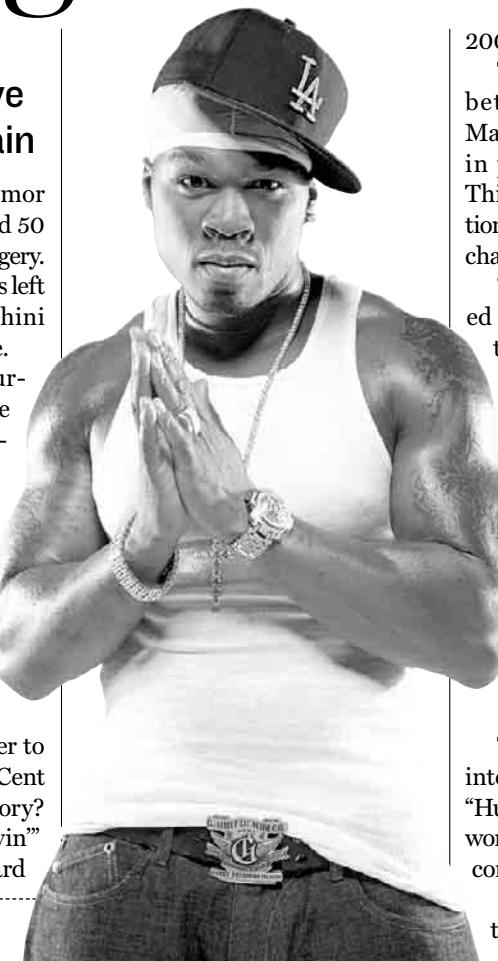
SECOND TIME AROUND | A rumor on the Internet in January had 50 Cent undergoing emergency surgery. Why? Supposedly, he caught his left hand in one of the Lamborghini doors on his Cadillac Escalade.

Considering the rapper survived nine bullet wounds, the rumor didn't sound too far-fetched. But it wasn't true.

The real news is that on March 8, "The Massacre," 50 Cent's highly anticipated Shady/Aftermath/Interscope sophomore album, begins tuning up a chorus of cash registers.

That is also when industry observers will learn the answer to the question du jour: Can 50 Cent repeat his chart-topping history? After all, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" entered at No. 1 on The Billboard

WELL, HE DIDN'T DIE: But 50 Cent did get rich from his debut record.



200 in 2003.

The rapper said the difference between "Get Rich" and "The Massacre" boils down to one song in particular: "Baltimore Love Thing." Addressing heroin addiction, 50 Cent gives the drug human characteristics.

"I wanted songs that represented growth from the last album to this one," 50 Cent says. "On 'Get Rich or Die Tryin,'" I would have written that song like I was selling heroin. But on 'The Massacre,' I'm dealing with deeper issues."

"Piggy Bank," discourses on the rapper's beefs with several rivals, notably Ja Rule. "If I don't address it," said 50 Cent, "it may encourage [rivals] to be more disrespectful."

The rapper is branching out into acting with a role in the film "Hustler's Ambition." There's also a women's clothing line and the forthcoming video game.

Still, "the only thing better than [these projects] is music."

GAIL MITCHELL (BILLBOARD)

Oscar Screeners: Stuck on You

Hollywood frets about the security of the shiny time bombs

STRATEGY | That sound of crunching plastic you hear is Hollywood bigwigs backing SUVs over their Oscar screeners.

The ballots were due Tuesday, but it has been raining DVDs since November, when the studios began sending out screeners of films that might catch the fancy of the 5,808 members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Most come with a digital watermark — a kind of electronic finger-

print that identifies each academy member — so if they wind up on the Internet, the studios and the FBI will know who leaked them.

And the fear of retribution works. Most academy members have become slightly paranoid about their Oscar DVDs. They won't lend them out; they've even taken to pondering methods of DVD disposal, and what would happen, let's say, if a DVD bootlegger managed to fish a screener out of a landfill?

"They occupy an ever-growing dusty corner in my office at home and I don't know what to do with them," said director Tony Bill, who along with his producer



REUTERS
YOUR BEST BET: Excess Oscar DVDs? Just take a steamroller to them!

wife receives two or three copies of each film.

"I know people, including myself, who use them as coasters," added academy member Tony Angelotti.

Academy President Frank Pierson's solution was absolute: "Our advice is to keep them and keep them to yourselves." RACHEL ABRAMOWITZ (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

BEEK IS BACK: "Dawson's Creek" may have dried up, but Dawson—that is, teen heartthrob star James Van Der Beek—is coming back to the small screen to star in the CBS comedy "Three." All grown up now, Van Der Beek will play a newlywed.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

OH, CAMERON, GROSS

STARSWITHOUTMAKEUP (9 p.m., Fox) Can't get enough celebrity cellulite? Do you long to see what the pampered glitterati look like in "real life"? Then this guilty-pleasure special is for you.

HARD RETURN

GOIN' BACK: IWO JIMA (8 p.m., The Military Channel) A dozen World War II Marine veterans, now in their 80s, return to a tiny island where they engaged in the bloodiest battle of the Pacific war.

RAT. IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER

SURVIVOR (8 p.m., CBS) I'm betting someone gets hungry on tonight's episode.

WET DREAMS

THE O.C. (8 p.m., Fox) A rainy-day mood descends on the Newpsies.



Warrick chats up a witness on another "Look at the freaks!" episode of "CSI."

THIS WON'T BE SENSITIVELY HANDLED, WILL IT?

CSI (9 p.m., CBS) Murder strikes at a convention of the hefty.

WHO ISN'T ANNOYING?

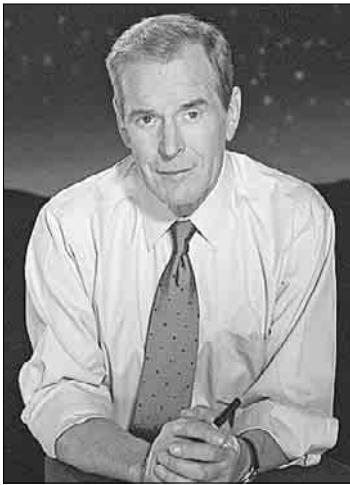
JOEY (8 p.m., NBC) An annoying visitor (Christina Ricci). **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Now You See It ...

Peter Jennings looks to the skies with UFO spotters and skeptics

INEXPLICABLE | The two-hour special "Peter Jennings Reporting: Seeing is Believing" (8 p.m., ABC) will probably not convince you to become a UFO follower. Nor will it convince those who swear they've "seen" UFOs to forsake their claims. But it is an interesting example of how a mainstream news team handles a story that some consider rubbish but reflects the passions of millions of other Americans.

Jennings is upfront about



MAN OF THE PEOPLE: Should a serious newsman even be discussing UFOs?

his feelings. "As a journalist," he explains, "I began this project with a healthy dose of skepticism and as open a mind as possible."

But after conducting more than 150 interviews and reading reports of thousands of sightings, Jennings feels "there are important questions that have not been completely answered — and a great deal not fully explained."

If you watch and listen carefully, you will see that the show's subtitle, "Seeing is Believing" has a double meaning. Everyone agrees that people who have "seen" celestial phenomena become the most ardent proponents of UFOs.

For the true skeptic, UFO-ology remains a common example of a popular delusion. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

2.24.05	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC (4)	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Joey (N) (1)	Will & Grace (N)	The Apprentice (N) (1)		(9:59) ER "Here and There" (N) (2)		News	Tonight Show
WTTC (5)	The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Friends (1) (2)	Seinfeld (1) (2)	The O.C. "The Rainy Day Women" (N) (1)	Stars Without Makeup (N) (1) (2)			News		Friends (1) (2)	Seinfeld (2)
WJLA (7)	News		ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) (1)	Peter Jennings Reporting (N) (2)			Prime Time Live (N) (2)		News	(35) Nightline
WUSA (9)	News		CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Palau (N) (1) (2)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (1)	Without a Trace "Manhunt" (N) (2)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	Late Show	Every-Raymond
WDCA (20)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girlfriends (2)	Girlfriends (2)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (1) (2)				King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	Dharma & Greg	The Harlem Globetrotters: The Team
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N) (1)	National Geographic	National Geographic				Charlie Rose (N) (1) (2)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (2)
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	David Attenborough Special: Eagle	★★★ "In the Heat of the Night" (1967) Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger.						Will & Grace (1)	Blind Date (N) (1)
WHUT (32)	One Shot: The Life and Work of	BBC World News	Money Wise (2)	On Africa	With All Deliberate Spd: Brown	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)					
WBDC (39)	The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	★★★ "Ever After" (1998) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. (1) (2)	Will & Grace (1)	Just Shoot Me (1)					
A&E	City Confidential (2)	American Justice: Teena Brandon	Cold Case Files A killer of four goes free. (2)				The First 48 (2)				Crossing Jordan "With Honor" (2)	
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (2)	The Most Extreme "Slackers" (2)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (2)	Pet Star			Animal Cops Houston (N)				The Planet's Funniest Animals (2)	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	The Road To Gold	The Parkers (1)	Girlfriends (2)	Celebration of Gospel V Honoring the best in secular gospel music. (N)						BET Nightly News 106 Park	
Bravo	(5:00) Project Runway "Finale" (2)	The West Wing "An Khe" (1) (2)	★★★ "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (1998) Jason Flemyng. (2)	Celebrity Poker Showdown (2)							The West Wing "An Khe" (1) (2)	
Comedy	Crank Yankers	Wanda Does It	Daily Show	Mad TV (2)	Com.-Presents	Crank Yankers	South Park (2)	Drawn Together	Shorties Watchin'		Daily Show	Distraction (2)
Court	NYPD Blue "Guns & Hoses" (2)	Cops (1) (2)	Cops (1) (2)	The Investigators	Forensic Files (N)	Body of Evidence	The Investigators				Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
Discovery	Monster Garage Robotic gladiators.	American Chopper "Tool Bike 1"		Pompeii: The Last Day (2)			American Casino (N)				Pompeii: The Last Day (2)	
DISCH	Chicago Hope "Heartbreak" (1) (2)	Trauma: Life in the ER (2)	Most Identical Twin Test (2)	160 Lb. Tumor			Sex Pills & Love Potions (2)				Most Identical Twin Test (2)	
Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (1)	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff, Christy Carlson Romano. (2)			Sister, Sister (1)	Even Stevens		That's So Raven	That's So Raven
E!	Celebrity Beauty Secrets Revealed	E! News (N)	Star Struck	Mel Gibson: True Hollywood Story	The Entertainer		Saturday Night Live (1) (2)				Howard Stern	Howard Stern
FX	Fear Factor "Championships" (2)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)		Fear Factor "Championships" (2)	
HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Mission: Orgnz	Designed to Sell	Divine Design	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Design on a Dime	Painted House (1)
Family	7th Heaven (2)	Smallville "Zero" (1) (2)	"School of Life" (2003, Comedy-Drama) David Paymer, Ryan Reynolds. (2)				Whose Line? (2)	Whose Line? (2)			The 700 Club (2)	
History	Modern Marvels "Monster Trucks"	Modern Marvels "The Alcan Highway"	Shot From the Sky (2)				Modern Marvels (2)				Battlefield Detectives (2)	
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Deadly Whispers" (1995, Drama) Tony Danza, Pamela Reed. (2)	"Deadly Visions" (2004, Suspense) Nicolette Sheridan, Philip Granger. (2)							The Nanny (2)	The Golden Girls
MTV	MTV Special (1)	Direct Effect (1)	True Life (1)	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	J-Lo: CEO (N) (1)					The Real World	The Real World
NICK	Zoey 101 (1)	Rugrats (1) (2)	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Romeo! (1) (2)	Full House (2)	Full House (2)	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne (2)	Murphy Brown (1)
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Forsaken" (1) (2)	"Silent Warnings" (2003, Science Fiction) Stephen Baldwin, A.J. Buckley.		The 4400 A series of firebombings threatens the lives of the 4,400. (1) (2)							"Target Earth" (1998) (2)	
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos (2)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	MXC (N) (1)	MXC (1)	MXC (1)	MXC (1)	MXC (1)	MXC (1)		MXC (1)	MXC (1)
TBS	Seinfeld (1) (2)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (1) (2)	Friends (1) (2)	★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure) (PA) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins. (2)						Mask of Zorro
TLC	Clean Sweep "Gold Medal Mess"	In a Fix "Arabian Nights" (2)	Overhaulin' (2)			Sports Disasters						
TNT	Charmed "Oh My Goddess" (2)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks. (Live) (2)				NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.						
USA	PGA Golf Chrysler Classic of Tucson – First Round. (Same-day Tape)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	★★ "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce. (2) (DVS)								★ How High (2)	
VH1	Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip Hop	Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip Hop	★★ "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" (1998) Angela Bassett. (1)			Strange Love (1)	Strange Love (1)				Ego Trip's Race-O-Rama (1)	
TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	Anita No Te Rajes	La Mujer en el Espejo	Gitanas		Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer				Noticiero Tel.	Laura
UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	Noche de Estrellas	Premio Lo Nuestro 2005 Desde American Airlines Arena en Miami.							Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (2)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Michigan State. (Live) (2)		Tilt (N) (2)	Tilt (2)						SportsCenter (Live) (2)	
ESPN2	Billiards: Trick Shot Magic	Tilt (2)		College Basketball Marquette at Cincinnati. (Live) (2)							College Basketball	
CSN	The Sports List	SportsNite (2)	American Poker Championship	MISL Soccer Cleveland Force at Baltimore Blast. (Taped)			SportsNite (2)	College Basketball	Arizona State at Washington. (Live)			
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)	Anderson Cooper 360 (2)		Paula Zahn Now (2)	Larry King Live (2)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown (2)				Lou Dobbs Tonight	
FNC	Special Report (Live) (2)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (2)		On the Record-Van Susteren				The O'Reilly Factor	
MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball (2)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Investigates: Vegas Eyes		Scarborough Country				Hardball (2)	
AMC	(5:45) ★★★ "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" (1949, Western) John Wayne. 'NR'			★★★ "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara. 'NR'			★★★ "High Noon" (1952, Western) Gary Cooper. 'NR'					
TCM	(5:30) ★★★★ "The Lion in Winter" (1953, Drama) Peter O'Toole. 'PG'			★★★ "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962, Adventure) Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness. David Lean's blockbuster about adventurer T.E. Lawrence. 'PG'								
HBO	Real Sports (1) (2)	★★ "Torque" (2004) Martin Henderson. (1) (2)	★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves. (1) (2)				Constantine	Shock Video Refried: Best				
MAX	★★ "The Medallion" (2003) Jackie Chan. 'PG-13'	★★★ "Love Actually" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Alan Rickman. (1) (2)		MAX On Set	★★ "Wild Things" (1998, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon. (1) (2)							
SHOW	(5:30) ★★★ "Passion Fish" (1993) Mary McDonnell, 'R'	Law & Order Season 2	★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003) Angelina Jolie.		★ "House of the Dead" (2003) Jonathan Cherry. 'R'	(2)	★★ "Species" (1995, Science Fiction) Ben Kingsley. 'R'	(2)	(35) ★ Species II			
TMC	The Last Detail	(25) ★★★ "Swimming With Sharks" (1995) (1) (2)	★ "Barb Wire" (1996) Pamela Anderson Lee. (1) (2)		(45) ★★ "Species" (1995, Science Fiction) Ben Kingsley. 'R'	(2)				(35) ★ Species II		
STARZ!	(4:45) ★★★ "Rosewood" (1997) 'R'	(15) ★ "Two if by Sea" (1996, Comedy) Denis Leary. (1) (2)	★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2000) Steve Martin. (1) (2)		(45) ★ "The Hot Chick" (2002, Comedy) Rob Schneider. (1) (2)		(10:50) ★★★ "Hellboy" (2004) (2)					
ENCORE	(06) ★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. (1) (2)	★★★ "High Plains Drifter" (1973) Clint Eastwood. 'R'			(45) ★ "The Hot Chick" (2002, Comedy) Rob Schneider. (1) (2)						(35) Sin (2003) 'R'	

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Sports

Wilkerson Eager To Find Stability

Nationals star proved worth with his versatility

NATIONALS | Of all the players he's managed, Frank Robinson can't think of anyone more versatile than Brad Wilkerson. For Wilkerson, that's a blessing and a curse.

Wilkerson was all over the place last year with the Montreal Expos, playing 78 games at first base, 51 in left field, 16 in center and nine in right. Robinson also moved Wilkerson around in the batting order, eventually putting him at leadoff for 107 games because no one else could do the job.

This year, the Expos have increased stability with their move to the nation's capital and their rechristening as the Washington Nationals. Wilkerson hopes his daily routine will settle down, too.

"I just want to be in one position," Wilkerson said after practice in Viera, Fla.

He could get his wish this sea-

son, but his teammates need to stay healthy and center fielder Endy Chavez needs to hold down the leadoff spot in the batting order. If those things hold, Wilkerson will play left field — his preferred spot — every day and will consistently bat in the heart of the lineup.

"If you see Brad Wilkerson day in and day out, you really come to appreciate what he does on the field for this ballclub," Robinson said.

As the injuries piled up last year, Robinson found Wilkerson's versatility particularly invaluable.

Not only did Wilkerson play four positions, but he set career highs with 32 home runs, 39 doubles and 112 runs. The sudden power boost surprised even Wilkerson.

"To be honest, I really don't expect that," he said. "As long as I hit 40 doubles and get on base a lot and knock in some runs, that's my biggest thing." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Brad Wilkerson hit a career-high 32 home runs with the Expos last year, but says his goal is to hit 40 doubles for the Nationals this season.

In Brief

COLLEGE HOOPS

Chaney Suspends Himself

Temple coach John Chaney suspended himself Wednesday for one game and apologized for putting a player in against St. Joseph's a day earlier for the sole purpose of rough play and quick fouls. Chaney offered the self-imposed one-game suspension after meeting with Temple president David Adamany and athletic director Bill Bradshaw. He will miss Saturday's game against Massachusetts. (AP)

NBA

Shaq to Have MRI on Knee

Shaquille O'Neal won't play before his injured knee is examined by doctors in Miami. "He's taking an MRI tomorrow," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said before the game Wednesday night at the Pacers. Van Gundy said the team trainer doesn't think O'Neal's injury is serious. The Heat's next game will be at home on Saturday against the Magic. Van Gundy wouldn't speculate how long O'Neal might be sidelined. (AP)

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Sports



RING IN NEW YEAR: There's nothing like a good rivalry. The Boston Red Sox will receive their World Series rings just before their home opener against the New York Yankees, who the Red Sox beat in the American League Championship Series after trailing 3-0.

Sosa Makes an Impression

Star outfielder puts on hitting display during first practice with O's

ORIOLES | As a way of introducing himself to his new teammates, Sammy Sosa slammed about two dozen baseballs far over the center-field wall during his first workout with the Baltimore Orioles.

Before he was done, nearly half the squad interrupted their drills to watch the show.

"Sammy, we're going to run out of balls!" joked fellow Baltimore outfielder Larry Bigbie, who watched in awe as one shot after another soared onto an airfield behind the

practice field.

The Chicago Cubs were relieved to get rid of Sosa after his troubled 2004 season, and the Orioles are delighted to have him.

"I'm in a new house with a young team that I can help," he said. "I'm very happy to be here, no question."

Sosa came to the Orioles earlier this month in a trade that sent Jerry Hairston Jr. and two prospects to Chicago.

The former National League MVP was once a hero in the Windy City, but his 13-year stay soured after he was caught using a corked bat, had a rift with Cubs manager Dusty Baker and left early



Sosa and O's skipper Lee Mazzilli walk out of the dugout on Wednesday.

during the 2004 season finale.

"That page is closed, and I don't want to touch that page no more," he said. "We're here to move on and go forward."

Upon arriving in Baltimore three weeks ago, Sosa requested that the Orioles send him a stretch limo at the airport.

On Wednesday, he found his way to camp without the aid of a limousine.

He emerged from his white Range Rover at 9:38 a.m., slipped into the clubhouse and had a quick chat with manager Lee Mazzilli before joining his new teammates on the back fields of Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

"I told him, 'I don't want you to just fit in. Be Sammy. I don't want you to change,'" Mazzilli said.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

'It's Something I Hope Nobody Goes Through'

Tigers' Urbina discusses mother's kidnapping

BASEBALL | Ugueth Urbina planned to report to spring training, even if his kidnapped mother still was being held. He didn't want to show her captors that he was weak.



Urbina

hour raid that left two of her abductors dead, two captured and seven others as fugitives. Police described the kidnappers as Venezuelan and Colombian drug smugglers.

She was held for five months, 18 days in a camp that police called a drug-traffickers' hideout in Venezuela's southern mountains.

Urbina spoke about what it was like to find out the ordeal was over. "At the moment, you freeze. You don't know what to do, whether to jump and be happy. It's something I hope nobody goes through."

Urbina said he was willing to pay a ransom for her release, if it came to that. "Of course," he said. "For your mother, you'd do anything." (AP)

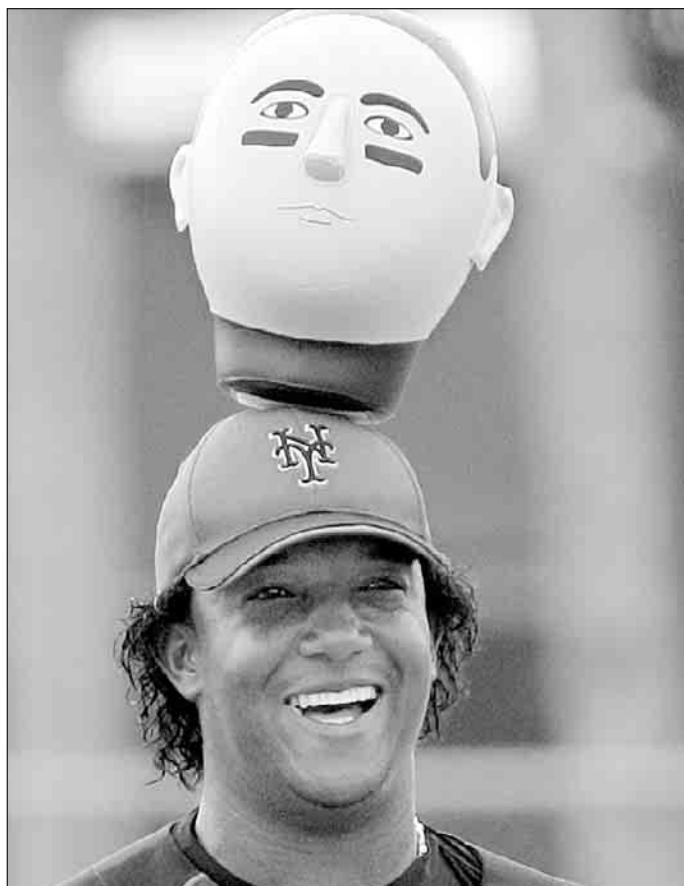
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SPRING TRAINING | DOUBLE HEADER



BETTER THAN ONE: The Mets' Pedro Martinez balances the head of a batting dummy on his head during practice in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on Wednesday.



WHO KNEW? The Washington Wizards activated guard Larry Hughes and forward Kwame Brown off the injured list on Wednesday, in time for a home game against the Memphis Grizzlies. To make room on the roster for the players, Washington put reserve guard Juan Dixon (right ankle) and backup center Peter John Ramos (right plantar fasciitis) on the injured list. (EXPRESS)

Fan Fare

COLLEGE ATHLETICS | BY ERIN FARRELL

'Simmons' Has Ring of Truth

I HAVE HEARD TALES about the perks given to the men's basketball team during my four years at the University of Maryland. But the accounts in Tom Wolfe's best-seller, "I am Charlotte Simmons," blow those mundane rumors out of the water.

Free cars from boosters and A-quality research papers written overnight for free? Wow.

The most I ever hear about is faster service at the College Park bars and the occasional player being excused from entering the pool for advanced swimming classes.

If everything Wolfe suggested about big-money college athletic programs applied to Maryland, the university would be slapped with so many NCAA violations that it wouldn't play in the postseason for 20 years.

In the book, a fictitious Dupont University star basketball player asks his academic tutor to write a major paper less than 10 hours before it is due.

According to the academic policy on the University of Maryland Athletics' Web site, "Tutors and student-athletes may not exchange telephone numbers or e-mail addresses." This policy is strictly followed, said one academic tutor.

While I am not convinced the university's housing crunch was caused by converting doubles into singles for basketball players — which happened at the fictitious Dupont — I am not aware of any Maryland basketball players living in the less-than-luxurious North Campus high rises, a normal freshman's right of passage.

So maybe there is some truth behind the exaggeration.

Erin Farrell is a senior at the University of Maryland, where she studies journalism.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

GOLF (2 P.M. ON ESPN) A day late, the Accenture Match Play Championship gets underway after rain delayed the opening round.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 20 Wisconsin visits No. 10 Michigan State, one of the hottest teams in the country.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 24

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Sports

Agent: Moss Set To Join Raiders

FOOTBALL | Randy Moss is heading for Oakland, the receiver's agent said Wednesday.

Dante DiTrapano, Moss' agent, told The Associated Press that the Minnesota Vikings and the Raiders had "come to an agreement on Randy playing for Oakland next year."

Neither the Vikings nor the Raiders would confirm the deal, which was first reported by The St. Paul Pioneer Press on its Web site.

"We have had discussions with the Oakland Raiders, but there's nothing to announce," Rob Brzezinski, the team's vice president of football operations, told The Associated Press.

Raiders spokesman Mike Taylor declined comment on the trade reports.

DiTrapano said he didn't know the terms of the deal, but the Pioneer Press reported the Vikings would get linebacker Napoleon Harris, along with the seventh overall pick and a late-round pick in the upcoming draft.

The deal cannot become official until March 2, the start of the NFL's fiscal year.

On Tuesday, the Raiders re-signed Jerry Porter, their star wide receiver, to a contract worth \$20 million over five years. Porter could have become a free agent on March 2. (AP)

GOLF | NO DAY AT THE BEACH



JOHN GRESS/REUTERS

RAIN DELAY: Grounds crew worker Euselio Cengur bails out a fairway bunker on Wednesday at the Accenture World Match Play Championships in Carlsbad, Calif. Rain delayed the tournament start to Thursday.

Cowboys Reunite Bledsoe, Parcells

FOOTBALL | Drew Bledsoe set passing records and reached the Super Bowl as a young quarterback playing for Bill Parcells in New England. Nearly a decade later, the duo will try doing it again with the Dallas Cowboys.

Bledsoe was given a three-year contract with the Cowboys. Financial terms were not immediately available.

"Bill wants me here, and being the starter. I anticipate that being the case and not for one year," Bledsoe said on Wednesday, one day after he was released by the Buffalo Bills.

The Bills told Bledsoe he would be cut last week and he said then that "Dallas is intriguing for obvious reasons." Once Parcells was interested, too, the 33-year-old chose not to seriously pursue other jobs. (AP)

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Business

Marketing and ethics experts debate bear with mental problems

Someday, the straitjacketed "Crazy For You" bear may be a case study in business schools. The decision by Vermont Teddy Bear to market the stuffed toy — despite widespread criticism it was insensitive toward the mentally ill — has intrigued business ethicists and public relations executives around the country.

Was the bear a brilliant marketing ploy or a big mistake? Did the company violate a code of ethics? "It brings up issues about corporate behavior and how corporations should be sensitive and interact with society," said W. Michael Hoffman, director of the Center for Business Ethics at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

The company started selling the "Crazy for You" bears in January for Valentine's Day, and they sold out Feb. 3. The \$69.95 brown, fuzzy bear



LOSING IT: CEO Elisabeth Robert left a hospital board after peers protested.

About a Toy

came with a straitjacket and commitment papers that read: "Can't Eat. Can't Sleep. My Heart's Racing. Diagnosis: Crazy for You."

When mental health groups and Gov. James Douglas complained about the bear, the company said it was sorry if it had offended anyone, but would sell the rest of its inventory.

"We're not in a position to be told

what we can and cannot sell," chief executive Elisabeth Robert said. Those remarks did not score any points with critics, especially considering the company is a member of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.

From a bottom-line standpoint, the company's strategy appears to be a winning one — at least in the short

"It brings up issues about corporate behavior and how corporations should ... interact with society."

W. MICHAEL HOFFMAN
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term. Vermont Teddy Bear said the frenzy provided a big boost to sales during Valentine's Day season.

The company had 214,000 orders during January and the first half of February, up 33 percent from last year, though much of the growth was pajama sales. Its stock climbed while the controversy raged, from \$6.45 at the beginning of January to \$7.23 earlier this month.

But there was a personal cost to Robert. She resigned from the board of the Fletcher Allen Health Care hospital, after both its chairman and CEO said disparaging the mentally ill is contrary to its mission. DAVID GRAM (AP)



LOONY BOON: Vermont Teddy Bear's "Crazy For You" gift brought the company attention — and a big boost in sales.

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Stage**Mrs. Robinson**

Actress **MORGAN FAIRCHILD** was online Wednesday and talked about her role as Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate," now playing at the Warner Theatre, as well as her many other television, film and stage roles | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

When did you first see "The Graduate"— the movie, that is? What influence did it have on your growth and development?

I saw the movie when it first came out when I was a kid. The movie, per se, wasn't necessarily an influence on me, personally, but the time period and the artistic and creative iconoclasm that was going on in that period had a major influence.

Do you prefer the spontaneity of live theater or the character development of a TV series?

I really like both. They're just very different. The TV series schedule is a little easier in some ways than doing a tour. I'm a bit long in the tooth for eight shows a week and then traveling on your day off to the next city, but it is extremely exciting to get to go out every night and get another shot at it and try to find new levels that you might not have thought of before. In that way it is similar to what you are talking about — the long-term development of a character on a series. You're doing it long-term.

"The Graduate" began getting a lot more attention once Mrs. Robinson's "flash" was introduced. Do you have the option, or is it an expectation? Does it take away from the rest of the play (as the audience settles in after the moment)?

It's not an option. It's in the contract. Believe me, we have all tried to talk them into letting us wear a body suit but the answer is no. I think it fits in with the play. I don't think people are that freaked and they seem to settle right down.

Anything we can watch for you in anytime in the near future?

I've been on tour with this since October so I think every TV show that I shot has already played by now and I've missed a few because I've been on tour. I'm booked on this tour til May. Then we'll see what happens in pilot season and hopefully I'll snag one and we'll have one for next year.

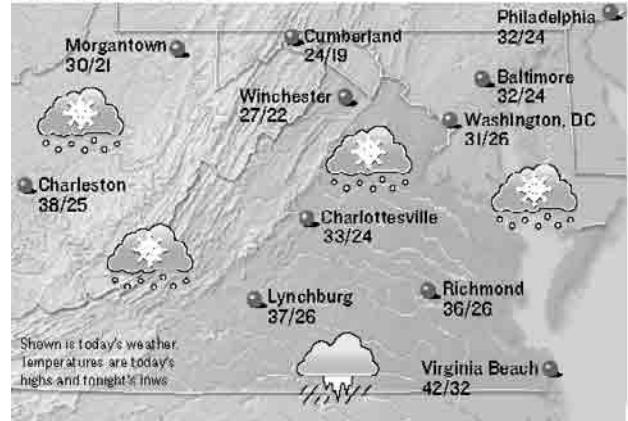
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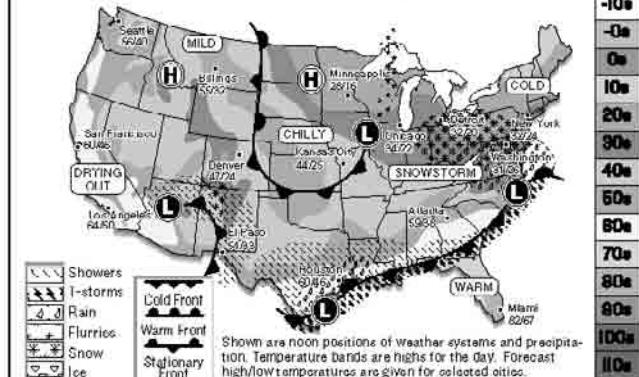
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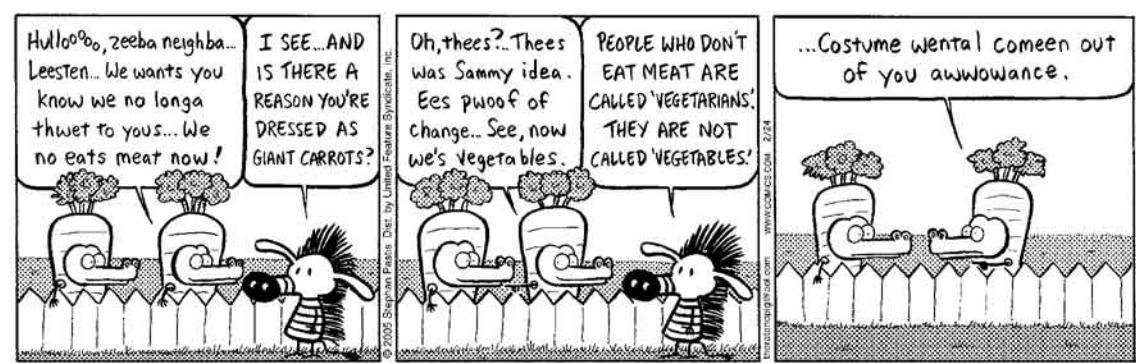
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Letters

No Dialing and Driving

IT'S IRONIC THAT two independent articles related to each other are on the same page (p. 10) of Wednesday's Express, regarding motorist cell phone use. Too bad the Virginia

House of Delegates passed only the "watered down" version of its cell-phone bill, ticketing motorists under 18 for using cell phones "only if they are stopped for another offense." Motorists in this group aren't the only cell-phone users who cause accidents. For example, the watered-down bill wouldn't have prevented Tuesday's Prince George's

school bus accident, which was allegedly caused by a bus driver on a cell phone. Cell phones in vehicles should be used only in the event of an emergency; they shouldn't be the cause of an emergency.

—ALEC RICHARDSON
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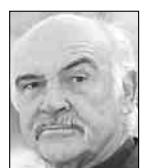
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People

ENEMIES

Connery Destroys Wicker, Moves on to Rattan, Teak

SEAN CONNERY is being sued by a New York neighbor who accused him of "making his life hell." In a \$30 million suit filed Friday in New York, Dr. Burton Sultan accuses Connery of allowing workers renovating his



son's apartment to create "deafening noise, noxious fumes, dripping water, cracked walls, and an infestation of rats." Sultan claims the work has "wreaked havoc on [his] collection of museum-quality Victorian and early 20th-century wicker furniture." Sultan accuses Connery of trying to force his family off the premises so he can acquire the property at a knock-down price. (AP)

REFLECTIONS

Oh Naomi, You're So Disarmingly Incoherent

NAOMI CAMPBELL says she nearly self-destructed from her use of cocaine. Campbell tells Diane Sawyer on a "Primetime Live" airing Thursday that she's glad she recovered, but that it's still difficult. Campbell said she first tried cocaine 10 years ago but stopped before "some self-destructive thing" could happen. "I never did drugs before I would go on the runway because I knew that's when I was an active addict." (AP)



Like Ashlee, Jessica blames everything on her flat, flawless stomach.

AILMENTS

Those Simpsons Have The Worst Stomachs

JESSICA SIMPSON was briefly hospitalized in Chicago for a stomach virus while shooting a segment for "The Oprah Winfrey Show," the singer's spokesman said Tuesday. Simpson, 24, became dehydrated and was admitted to the hospital Monday, said her spokesman. She has since returned to Los Angeles and is "feeling better," he said. The Oprah segment — "Red Carpet Makeovers with Jessica Simpson" — is scheduled to air Friday. (AP)

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CHANTS

Immoral, Immoral!



Ultra-Orthodox Jewish worshippers angrily confronted **NATALIE PORTMAN**, chanting "Immoral, immoral!" as she shot a kissing scene at Jerusalem's Western Wall on Tuesday. Police asked Portman and co-star **AKI AVNI** to leave and return later. Shmuel Rabinovitch, the rabbi in charge of the site, said that codes of conduct under religious and state law prohibit acting or romantic interaction near the wall. (AP)

WHINING

Can't She Just Buy Some New, Better Feelings?

PARIS HILTON feels "horrible." Last week, her cell phone was hacked into and its contents (her phone numbers and e-mail addresses) were posted on the Internet. In the *Us Weekly* on newsstands Friday, Hilton says: "I feel horrible that, once again, someone has invaded my privacy. I want to apologize to all my friends and family. I don't know why this stuff always happens to me, but I wish it wouldn't anymore." (AP)



We bet that Paris' Wi-Fi network is named "Linksys." And not secured.

SPLITS

They Seemed So in Love

CHRISTIAN SLATER has filed a petition to end his five-year marriage to television producer Ryan Haddon. The divorce petition filed Friday in Superior Court cites irreconcilable differences. "The mutual

decision was reached amicably and they remain committed to raising their two young children together," Slater's publicist, Evelyn Karamanos, said in a statement on Wednesday. "They ask for the respect of their privacy at this time." (AP)



FAME

A Moment Like This, She'll Make It Last a Lifetime

KELLY CLARKSON is hitting the road on her first solo headline tour. The winner of the first "American Idol" will open the 34-city "Breakaway Tour" March 30 in Tulsa, Okla., which ends in Vancouver on May 29. Clarkson will perform in mostly theater-size venues, which she says "will be a great opportunity for me to connect with my die-hard fans in an intimate setting." (AP)

Kelly feels most competent when she's exposing her midriff.



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On Feb. 24, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson after his dismissal of the secretary of war; also, in 1980, the U.S. hockey team beat Finland to win the Olympic gold medal.

Counting the Stars | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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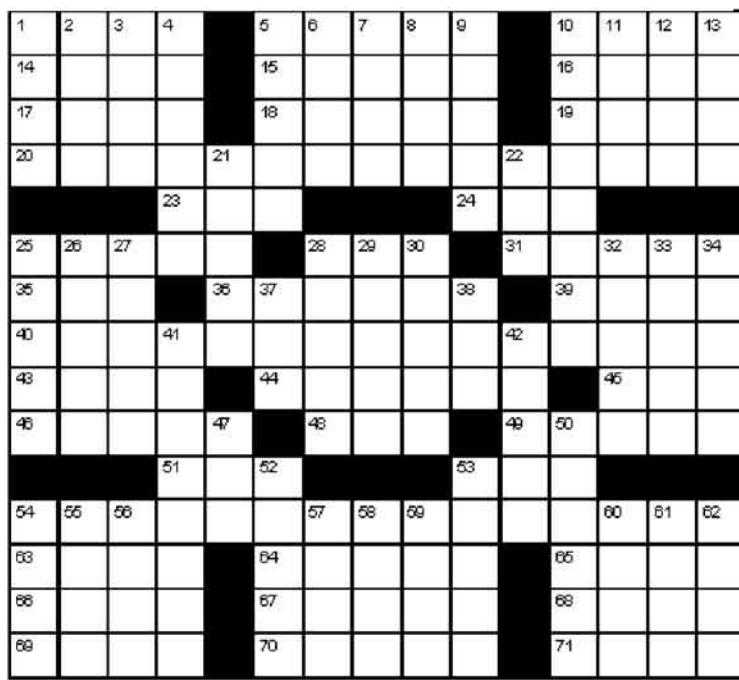
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Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may find yourself waiting and waiting and waiting — even though you're not sure what you are waiting for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't lose track of important information. Writing things down carefully can help you maintain a grasp on the more important issues.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to devote your energies in some way to serving those around you. You have a

great deal of value to offer at all times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're getting caught up in motivations and concerns that are not natural for you. Focus in on those things you know you really want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Domestic activities can be either pleasing or frustrating to you — depending on your outlook, honesty and self-esteem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Resist the temptation to take someone to task for trespasses you know have been purely unintentional. Remember: to forgive is divine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've been following rules, but you've not been receiving your due lately. Now is a good time to renew your expectations — realistically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You've been

letting things build up far too much just beneath the surface lately without even knowing it. Let some things go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may not be considering the consequences of your actions with enough accuracy. It's a good day to slow down and be more deliberate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You needn't try to be something you're not, even to please someone close to you. He or she prefers you the way you really are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your concern for others may be serving you very little these days — simply because you're not letting it shape your actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Some final arrangements may have to wait until you receive a little more information and a message from a friend or family member.

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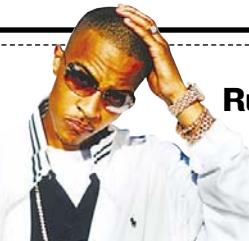
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[on the] spot*

NAME: Mark Robinson **GIG:** Celebrating the 20th anniversary of his Teenbeat Records

DESPITE THE BOSTON mailing address it's sported for the last five years, Teenbeat Records called D.C. its home when it was founded 20 years ago, and it remains a player on the District musical scene. On Friday, Mark Robinson, the label's creator and frontman for the now-defunct Unrest, will celebrate the label's 20th with performances and reunions of some Teenbeat acts. He talks about the label's early days, its move and his plans.

How did Unrest get its start?

I played with a couple guys in school who were really into bands like Van Halen and Rush. I wasn't — but I wanted to play, so I played with them, and that's where I met the drummer, Phil.

Where did the name come from?

We got that name from the title of a Henry Cow album. Plus we needed to come up with a name quick to play in Wakefield High's talent show.

And Teenbeat was born?

I guess as soon as we put out that first cassette. We had the Teenbeat logo and the name and everything. Of course, we didn't get a business license until much later. That was, like, 1983.

What took you to Boston in '99?

Unrest had broken up — we were just a little burnt — so I needed to get a job. There was this cool art school in Boston called Mass Art. So I went there, took some classes, and got a really good job designing covers for Houghton Mifflin. Also, I just wanted to see what it was like to live somewhere besides D.C.



COURTESY TEENBEAT

"A couple of guys were really into Van Halen and Rush. I wasn't — but I wanted to play."

Was maintaining the label a priority?

Yeah. It was the first time I had a full-time job, but we still put out a lot of records. It was weird though — most of the bands were in D.C.

Do you come back to D.C. for the anniversary every year?

Yeah, but this is a big one because it's been 20 years, plus all the reunions. Unrest hasn't played in 11 years and Tuscadero hasn't played in seven; usually it's

the current bands [who play].

Are you thinking about working full-time for Teenbeat?

No, it's been 20 years and that hasn't happened. There really isn't much money to be made with these smaller labels unless you can sell a lot of records. For now, it's like my lifetime hobby. DARONA WILLIAMS

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MUSIC | Kings of Leon look like throwbacks to a former era, an era when long hair and tight pants prevailed. The age of free love, Woodstock and Nixon. They have a distinct country swagger. Pants are tight and flared.

That is to say, they are rock stars in the most classic — or classic-rock — sense.

Brothers Caleb (vocals, guitar), Nathan (drums) and Jared Followill (bass) along with their first cousin Matthew Followill (lead guitar) make up the Kings. The Tennessee family's sound is halfway between Noo Wave and



MEN WITHOUT RAZORS: The critical faves carry on a tradition without being retro.

'70s stoner Southern rock. And no wonder — a traveling evangelist father raised them on the road, blaring Skynrd and Creedence from gig to gig, town to town.

"Aha Shake Heartbreaker," their

sophomore album, has garnered praise from the critics and delivers a rawer, more liberated sound than their 2003 release, "Youth and Young Manhood." It experiments with a deeper and darker

musical and emotional territory. "Heartbreaker" is a reaction to the band's success, from utter obscurity to rock stardom. As you might imagine, they had some good experiences and some bad. The thing is, most of them hadn't reached the age of 20 before success knocked on their door.

Crunchy guitars and barely decipherable wails make this the perfect band to party to or blare on the open road, but "Heartbreaker" is also an album to snivel over after a messy breakup, where all you want is to forget it all with a pack of smokes and a bottle of Jack.

And these kids are just getting started. **RYAN DOHERTY**

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Rapper T.I. got to the top despite poor sales and time in jail

MUSIC | Atlanta rapper T.I.'s trendy bounce tunes have loads of fans, but his shrewd entrepreneurial skills might deserve more applause.

His arrival at Dream on Friday night will no doubt be greeted by the shouts of male fans and swoons of females, but T.I.'s had to recover from failure to enjoy this success.

Unlike his recent jams, his rookie record flopped in 2001. T.I. bounded back by escaping from his major-label deal and selling oodles of units independently — even shelling out promotional and video funds from his own pocket.

After his Grand Hustle imprint gained enough steam, T.I. inked with Atlantic Records. But the lanky rhymer faced hefty legal troubles.

Last April, while tunes like "Rubber Band Man" blazed on radios, T.I. missed his own party and landed in jail for a parole violation. (Those "rubber bands" refer to

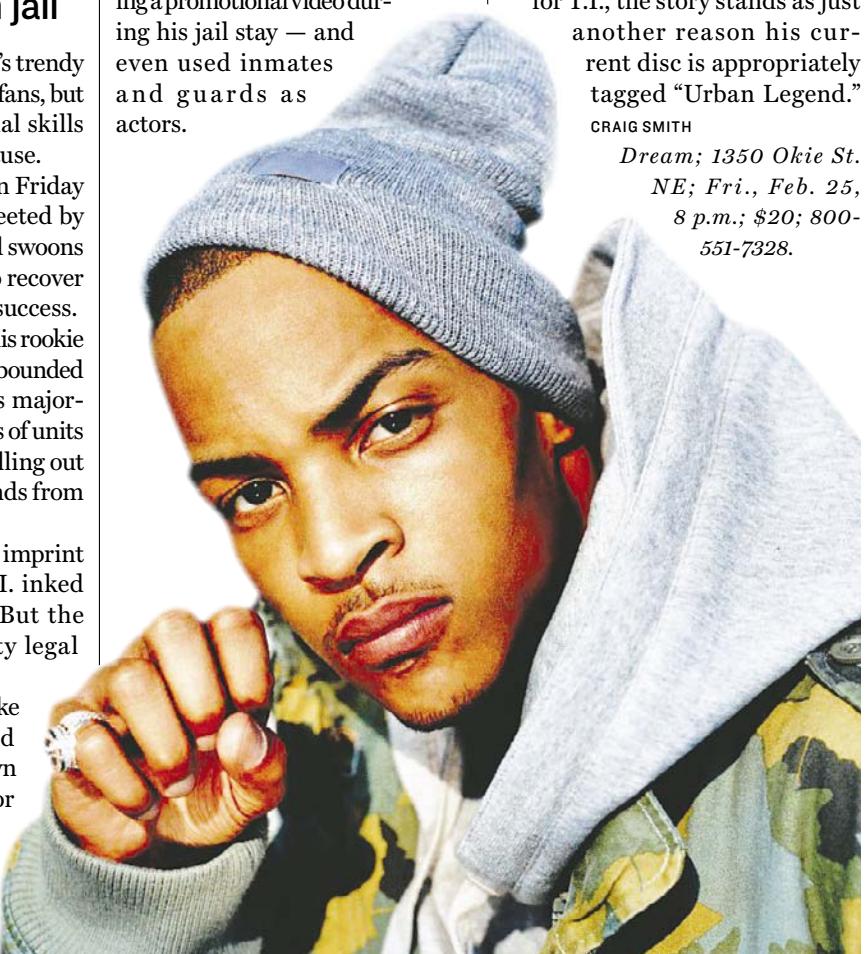
T.I. has mad skillz — marketing skills, that is.

the ones wrapped around stacks of cash from narcotic sales.)

T.I. finagled his way into filming a promotional video during his jail stay — and even used inmates and guards as actors.

It's nothing to brag about from the perspective of Georgia's Fulton County penal system, but for T.I., the story stands as just another reason his current disc is appropriately tagged "Urban Legend."

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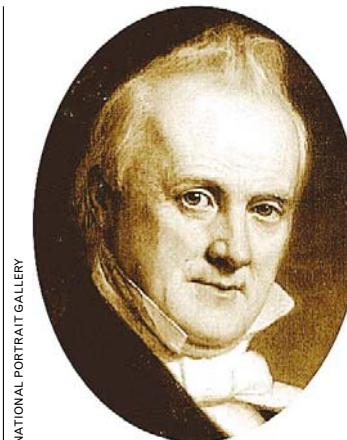
Mount Rushmore Wannabes

LECTURE | This is the United States, by gum, where any kid can grow up to be ... Chester A. Arthur?

With a resume highlighted by "stateliest whiskers of any president," Arthur is today recalled as a vague smudge somewhere between Abe and Teddy.

All that is about to change for those who head to the S. Dillon Ripley Center on Thursday for the Smithsonian Associates program "The 'Other' U.S. Presidents."

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sion will shed light on four shadowy chief executives.

The Arthur segment belongs to historian and author Zachary Karabell. Goucher College professor Jean Baker will handle James

Buchanan, who had his niece handle first-lady duties, on account of his being a confirmed bachelor.

Ulysses S. Grant is remembered first as a general, second as a drunk and only third as a president. His career will be addressed by Josiah Bunting III, president of the Harry Rank Guggenheim Foundation.

And speaking of men whose works will forever be overshadowed by the achievements of their youth, former Clinton speechwriter and current Washington College professor Ted Widmer will speak on Martin Van Buren. Widmer is known to aficionados of class-conscious novelty rock as Lord Rockingham, once of the Upper Crust, Boston-based AC/DC acolytes in powdered wigs and knee breeches. GLENN DIXON

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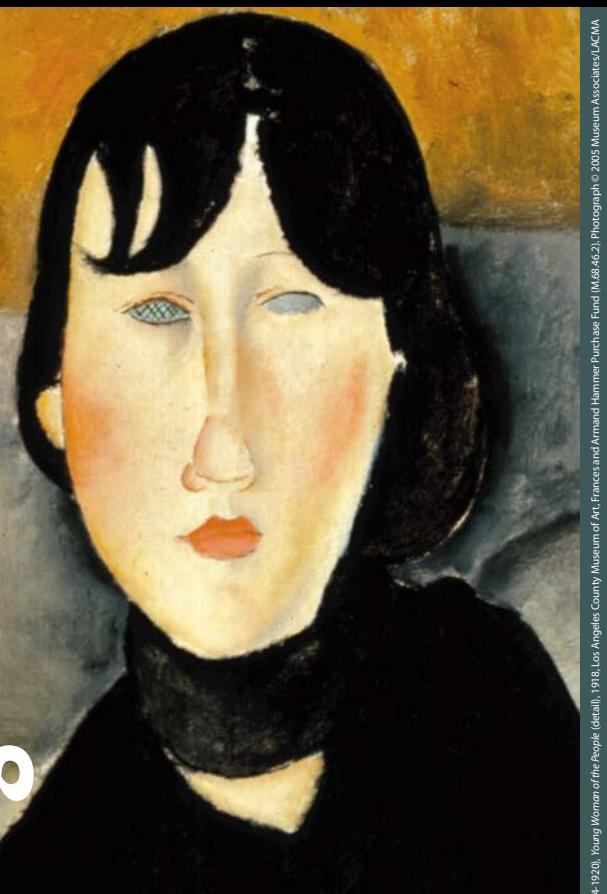
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SECRET WEAPON: Tweedy, front, and his compatriots have inspired a film and a forest's worth of purple prose, but Wilco's record sales are nothing to brag about.

The Definition Of Underground

The best band in the whole weird world can't catch a break

MUSIC | The fervor with which fans and critics rave about Wilco is the kind usually found only in tent revivals. It's as if frontman Jeff Tweedy is some kind of alt-country messiah, the savior of Americana and maybe rock in general. It is possible Wilco is actually a cult.

But cultish proselytizing hasn't translated into big hits or airplay. (It will, no doubt, fill the 9:30 Club this week, though.) Neither have seven albums since 1995. That includes two full-length collaborations with British troubadour

Billy Bragg, "Mermaid Avenue," vols. 1 & 2, in which they channel the spirit of Woody Guthrie based on his unpublished lyrics. Perhaps it's because each subsequent record turns roots rock orthodoxy on its head by adding touches of electronica, Beach Boys-style shimmer, and experimental flourishes.

Wilco's latest, "A Ghost Is Born," continues Tweedy's pained delivery ("Wishful Thinking"), unorthodox arrangements (the 15-minute drone "Less Than You Think") and existential musings ("Theologians"). What's missing is anything overtly twangy. But in fact the "country" part of Wilco may be just a distant echo of Tweedy's late, great ground-shaking band Uncle Tupelo, who

put the "alt" in alt-country.

Which leaves just alt. "Ghost" proves that Wilco isn't country at all. Americana is just one taste on a broad menu of flavors for a restless songwriter to hang his thoughts on. You can also find echoes of Neil Young in "The Late Greats." And "I'm a Wheel" rips a page from the playbook of D.C.'s own Dismemberment Plan, if you can believe that. Actually, fans anticipating (or dreading) one of Tweedy's trademark stylistic leaps may be surprised at the continuity between "Ghost" and its predecessor, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot."

Perhaps that's because with "YHF" the band made its point. Deemed too uncommercial,

Reprise records dropped Wilco. Then — oops! — tracks from the unreleased "YHF" were leaked on the Internet. Half a bazillion downloads (and news stories) later, the album was bought by Nonesuch, a more adventurous label under the same corporate umbrella — meaning Wilco's label parent effectively paid for it twice.

Enter the cult following.

Everyone loves to root for an underdog. At some point, having neither "sold out" nor imploded, the band became a cause. Fans coalesced into a cult. And so Wilco joins the ranks of "influencers," like Husker Du, the Smiths and Tom Waits.

At home on a new label known for its success with offbeat artists (Kronos Quartet, Buena Vista Social Club, Emmylou Harris), Wilco is now in the sweet spot. Its disciples fill both the newsrooms and the clubs. All it may take is one media emperor (MTV? Superbowl halftime show?) to see a fiery cross in the sky and we'll all be measuring time from Jeff Tweedy's birth. **BOB MASSEY**

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The Soul Funk Brother: Eddie Griffin

It's no surprise that Eddie Griffin is in an R&B funk band — his butt-shaking brand of hip-hop standup, featured in "Undercover Brother" and "Deuce Bigalow," is now coming to you live.

Jokes on Us, 312 Main St., Laurel, Md.; Sat., Feb. 26, 7 & 9:30 p.m., \$50; midnight, \$39.50; 800-551-7328.



UNIVERSAL
Funnyman Eddie Griffin rocking the spread collar in "Undercover Brother."

Country With a Twist: Hank Williams III

A third generation of Hank Williams is loose upon the world, heartfelt twang, über-mullet and all. Hank III totes his gee-tar and sense of irony to Towson.

Recher Theatre, 512 York Road, Towson, Md.; Fri., Feb. 25, 8 p.m., \$15; 800-551-7328.

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HighBrow



HARAZ GHANBARI/AP

Where Do You Summer? The Inside World of 'Prep'**WHO:** Author and St. Albans teacher Curtis Sittenfeld**WHAT:** Reading from and signing her sensation-causing novel, "Prep"**WHERE:** Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Fri., Feb. 25, 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919**WHY:** As much anthropologist as fabulist, Sittenfeld takes readers into the world of American exclusivity through the eyes of a girl from Indiana plunged into a fancy Massachusetts prep school where ... let's just say not everyone's linen is perfectly clean.**An NFL star's crazy downward and even crazier upward spiral**

PAGES | God has a thing for athletes. Which makes sense: They always call on Him for a win. Naturally, Hallelujahs frequently erupt from end zones. But funny how no linebacker ever says a higher power really helped him lose today. God is on their side — until He isn't.

Unless the man upstairs has a bigger game plan. Consider the story of Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, who visits Washington this Friday to discuss his book "In Control: Rebirth of an NFL Legend."

"I'm tall, talented, neat in the waist, cute in the face, and they call me 'Hollywood.' How can I lose?"

**MAN OF THE MOMENT:** Henderson, right, at the peak of his powers in 1979.

Ah, hubris. Those famous last words were spoken by Henderson after he was canned from Tom Landry's 1979 Dallas Cowboys for precipitating their humiliating loss to the Redskins the day before.

Of course, Henderson was coked to the gills when he spoke: He was a rich, wired, world-class athlete with his face on the cover of *Newsweek*.

Four years later he was destitute and busted for buying sex from a couple of minors with crack cocaine. Hello prison, rehab and a harsh end to his champagne youth. For those who speak sports metaphors, this moment would be fourth and long. Time to send up a Hail Mary.

Cut to March, 2000. Henderson is an anti-drug crusader, motivational speaker and community orga-

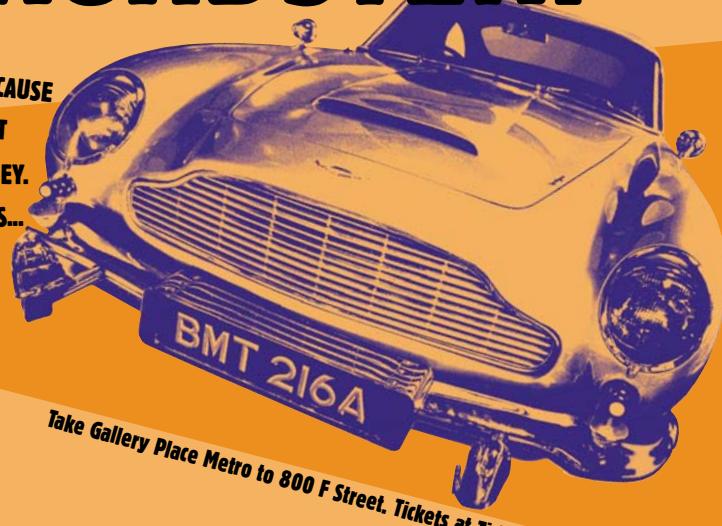
nizer back home in East Austin. He has built a football stadium for poor kids and he's working on a subsidized housing complex. He rolls into Nau's Drug, where's he's dropped thousands on lotto tickets over the years. Bam. He wins \$28 million. Big boost to his neighborhood.

If this fable rings familiar, perhaps it should. It's as old as the Greeks and as modern as George Foreman or Lance Armstrong. And the new book makes a fitting sequel to Henderson's first memoir, "Out of Control: Confessions of an NFL Casualty." If it lacks the sweep of those books by Job and Jonah, well, at least Henderson's around to sign a copy. **BOB MASSEY**

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AFTER LIFE: Dreamy, intense, beautifully realized songs on "Ghosts" show how Mark Geary has grown into his talent.

Long Way Home

Mark Geary left Ireland with nothing but talent to burn

MUSIC | He arrived in New York City in 1995 via a one-way ticket from Dublin.

All he had was 100 dollars, a green card and, as the cliché of such dream-chasing demands, a guitar. Café Sin-é, made legendary by the original helpless romantic, Jeff Buckley, was his destination.

Singer-songwriter Mark Geary continued to play and generate buzz in the East Village until a film producer named Gill Holland forced

him into the studio. Out came "33 1/3 Grand Street," a heartfelt testimony to life and love in the vein of David Gray and Damien Rice.

Simple compositions of acoustic guitars, bass and a piccolo snare permeate the album and evoke a stripped down, authentic sound. Geary's weathered voice blends perfectly with the soft guitars to create a subtle, genuine album.

"Ghosts," Geary's second album, was released in 2004. Every so often here Geary picks up an electric guitar in addition to his acoustic, and it sounds as if success has brightened his spirits. This record is a little louder than the debut and relies

on catchy hooks rather than gentle tugs on the heartstrings.

Geary has found success in his native Ireland, selling out large venues around the island. Two Geary songs have appeared in films and he just finished scoring "Loggerheads," a film contending in this year's Sundance Film Festival.

His success thus far in the States is limited, but it shouldn't take long until he gets recognition for his superb songwriting.

It must be that Irish weather.

RYAN DOHERTY

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with the Frames, Sun., Feb. 27, 9:30 p.m.; \$12; 800-551-7328. (USt.-Cardozo)

TopStops

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Carter Country: Aaron Drops In

Dreamy tow-headed Aaron Carter used to be known as Backstreet Boy Nick Carter's younger brother. Now, Nick is recognized as Aaron's older brother. Pre-teen girls rejoice, the real reason Lindsay and Hilary aren't speaking is coming to the Recher Theater. What is it about those Carters?

Recher Theatre, 512 York Road, Towson, Md.; Sun., Feb. 27, 6 p.m., \$20; 800-551-7328.



REUTERS
"I'm sort of listening to you, but I'm really thinking about how cute I am."

Cajun Stagin': Petite Rouge

"Petite Rouge" is a musical fairy tale for all ages, full of bayou mysteries

and Mardi Gras treats.

Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; through April 3, this Sun., Feb. 27, 12:30 & 3:30 p.m., \$10-\$15; 301-280-1660.

Back to His Roots: James McMurtry

Texas songsmith James McMurtry was discovered by John Mellencamp, who starred in a film James' novelist dad, Larry, penned. The son writes and sings roots 'n' roll songs and brings them to town.

Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Justin Jones, Sun., Feb. 27, 8:30 p.m., \$12; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

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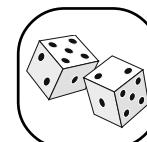
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Nightlife Agenda

BY FRITZ HAHN AND RHOME ANDERSON

THURSDAY

The subterranean ocean reef environs of **CAFE JAPONE**'s Sango Sho lounge vibrate with skittish reconstructed breaks and four-to-the-floor thump during Mind Control Thursdays.

The three-night DC Music for Relief tsunami benefit at **CHIEF IKE'S MAMBO ROOM** wraps up tonight with a marathon of local bands from 5 to 11 p.m. Proceeds go to Save the Children, CARE and AmeriCares.

It never hurts to give our readers gentle reminders about some of the city's lesser-known live music venues, especially when they serve food as good as **ELLINGTON'S ON EIGHTH**'s weekly "Bar-B-Que Buffet." All-you-can-eat beef and chicken, collard greens, creamy mac and cheese, fresh cornbread and more from



Local favorite Raheem DeVaughn works it out Sundays at Takoma Station.

6 to 10 p.m. After 8 p.m. you can also help yourself to the horn-driven D.C. Funk Squad. There's no cover, and it's \$10.95 for the food.

FRIDAY

Our favorite weekly hip-hop events have been closing left and

right, but this week we have some good news to report: the return of **KRUNK**, Bethesda's favorite underground party. It's moved downtown to Singapore Bistro, but founder and DJ Jesse Tittsworth assures us that the Krunk flavor will remain intact. To celebrate the night's relaunch — and Tittsworth's birthday — he'll be joined by DMC finalist DJ Ragz and Krunk veterans Cam One, Dave Nada and Optimist Rhymz for a night of old-school hip-hop, Southern tracks, turntable tricks, heavy bass lines and drink specials.

SATURDAY

With snow in the forecast, summer seems so far away — so we're thankful for the annual "100 Days Until Memorial Day Party" held at the historic **YENCHING PALACE** restaurant in Cleveland Park. Dancing to DJ Smoky from Dewey Beach's famous (or notorious) Starboard, drink specials and jelly shots are included in the \$10 cover. All proceeds go to the American Red Cross. Check www.thestarboard.com for more information.

SUNDAY

It's taken us way too long to finally make it over to **TAKOMA STATION** for Raheem DeVaughn's weekly Sunday night jam sessions. The vibe generated is a combination of the energy his national buzz is creating and the ease with which Raheem and his musical peers fall into improvisation. Each week highlights a featured performer, tonight's guest being soul songstress Wayna. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the featured act begins at 9. Before 8:30 p.m., you'll pay \$5 to get through the door; \$10 after.

Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at washingtonpost.com/nightlife

Conflict Resolution

The two-fisted tales of director Sam Fuller screen at the Freer

FILM | Samuel Fuller's best known war film, 1980's "The Big Red One," follows five infantrymen through the Second World War.

Tough yet intermittently corny, heartless about adults but sentimental about kids, it mined a vein that World War II vet Fuller had been working for years.

This weekend, as part of its "Sam Fuller's Asia" series, the Freer Gallery of Art screens a pair of Korean War pictures that helped establish the director three decades earlier.

Released in early 1951, "The Steel Helmet" was the first American feature to be set during the Korean War. Gene Evans' Sergeant Zack takes up with a war orphan, and together they join an infantry squad and take refuge in a Buddhist temple.

With characters including a Nisei veteran of World War II and a black medic, the film is as much an indictment of U.S. race relations



THE FORGOTTEN WAR: Fuller addresses the Korean conflict in "The Steel Helmet."

as a meditation on war. It screens Friday at 7 p.m.

Later the same year, Fuller came out with "Fixed Bayonets," which screens Sunday at 2 p.m. This time a platoon is holed up in a cave as the Chinese Army bears down. When his superiors are killed, the bookish Corporal Denno (Richard Basehart) is forced to take command.

Fuller didn't have the budget

to stage widescreen epics ("The Steel Helmet" features a notoriously fake tank cutout). But he gets close enough to the action to do justice to the old joke:

"Which war were you in?"
"The big one. Korea." **GLENN DIXON**
Freer Gallery, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; Fri., Feb. 25, 7 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 27, 2 p.m.; 202-633-4880. (Smithsonian)

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Rubin represents the next generation of jazz — young, strong and innovative.

Nod to Tadd Dameron: Vanessa Rubin & All-Stars

Singer Vanessa Rubin and her All-Stars offer a tribute to Tadd Dameron, one of the most innovative leaders and songwriters of 1940s jazz.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW;

Fri. & Sat., Feb. 25 & 26, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$25; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom- GWU)

Questions of Identity: Modigliani at the Phillips

"Modigliani: Beyond the Myth" posits that the Jewish Italian modernist worked out issues of his heritage through his paintings and sculptures, more than 100 of which are on display.

Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; opens Sat., Feb. 26, through May 29; 202-387-2151. (Dupont Circle)

Shoe-In: Matt Wertz

You're more likely to see Matt Wertz's name on a pair of sneakers than in a record store. But this former shoe designer is trying to change that, one acoustic number at a time.

Jammin' Java, 231 Maple Ave., Vienna; with Stephen Kellogg, Sixers, Braddigan, Thu. & Fri., Feb. 24 & 25, 8 p.m., \$15; 703-255-1566.

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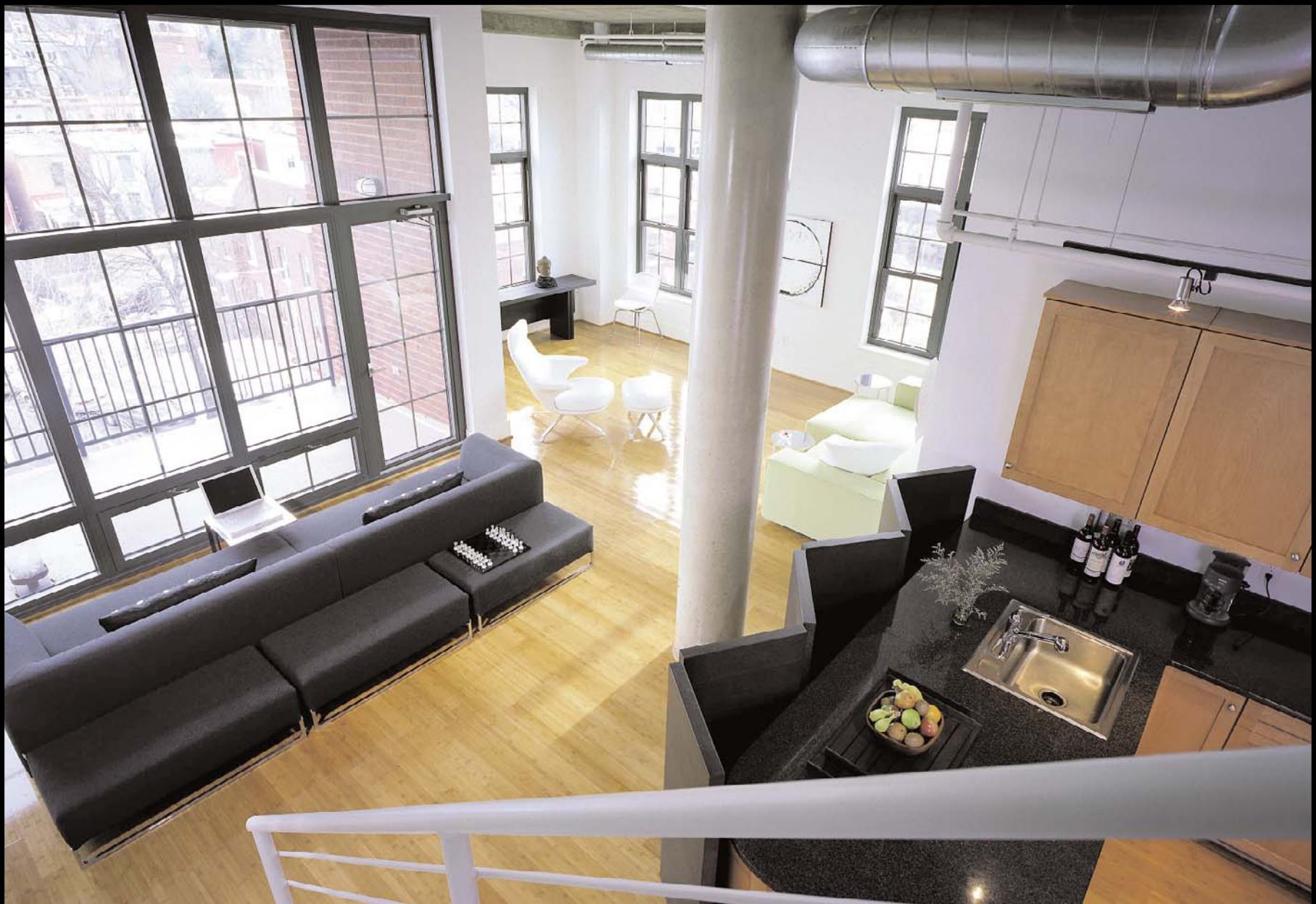


Climbing Back:

Guitarist-singer Alejandro Escovedo ditches his bad habits and hits the road. | **Spotlight**

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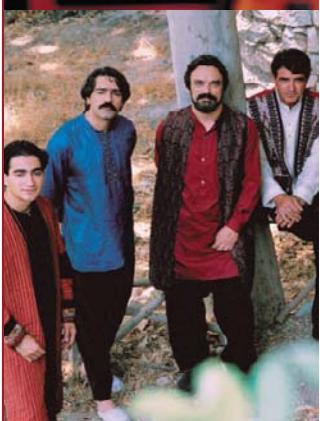
EILEEN IVERS, violin
with Immigrant Soul

Sunday, February 27 at 3pm

Star of the original production of *Riverdance*, Eileen Ivers is one of the world's preeminent exponents of the Irish fiddle. Ivers fuses African and Latin percussion and bass, traditional Irish instrumentals, and soulful vocals in this performance.

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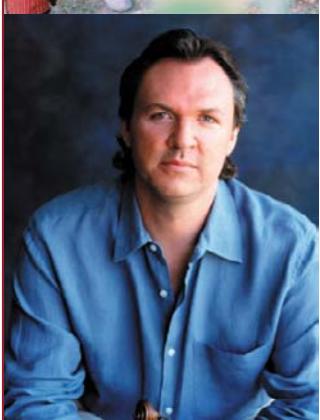
Mohammad Reza Shajarian, vocals
Hossein Alizadeh, tar (long-necked lute)
Kayhan Kalhor, kamancheh (spike-fiddle)
Homayoun Shajarian, vocals and *tombak* (goblet drum)

Saturday, March 5 at 4:30pm

Blending melody, rhythm, improvisation, and mystical poetry by Rumi, this all-star ensemble of four of Iran's most celebrated musicians invites audiences to explore the complexities, intricacies, and intensity that characterize Persian music.

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

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Mark O'Connor, violin
Jon Burr, bass
Frank Vignola, guitar

Sunday, March 6 at 7pm

Fiddle player Mark O'Connor fuses hot-styled jazz, Texas swing, bluegrass, and folk music with his Hot Swing Trio. This performance finds O'Connor paying a lively homage to the legacy of his late mentor, Stephane Grappelli.

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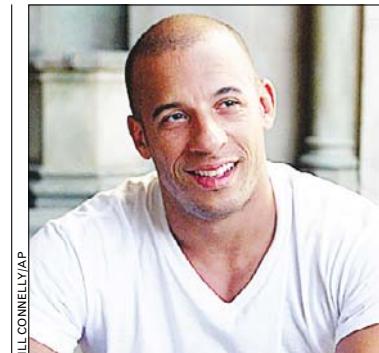
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WeekendPass | Entertainment

Hard Muscles & The Hokey Pokey



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of \$250 million, and the fourth is poised to pounce on March 4.

Disney's "The Pacifier," opening March 4, is Vin Diesel's debut as a celluloid lightweight, and Shankman insisted the script be sculptured to the actor's screen image: He plays a Navy S.E.A.L. entrusted with the care and feeding of five out-of-control children of an assassinated U.S. scientist.

"All of his actions were born of his military profession and his background," said Shankman. The physical comedy he threw to a pair of well-practiced pros in the supporting ranks: Brad Garrett as a high-school wrestling coach, and Carol Kane as a Romanian nanny.

"It was a difficult shoot," Shankman admitted. "Trying to

get a 3-year-old to do the Hokey Pokey took about three hours.

Shankman's trick in turning an action star into a comedy-action star was, simply, to talk to him in terms he was used to: "I told him, if he ever tried to be funny, I would kill him.

"We'd get together and talk about a scene and the character. We'd talk and talk and I'd finally go, 'Dude, just let the baby throw up on you. There's nothing to talk about here.' HARRY HAUN
(FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL)

tionships among the characters — trainer Frankie (director Clint Eastwood), his protege Maggie (Hilary Swank) and narrator "Scrap Iron" (Morgan Freeman) — so pure, so genuine, so authentic. (ANN HORNADAY)

6 Are We There Yet?

This Ice Cube road-trip vehicle is phony and formulaic from start to finish. (MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN)

7 Boogeyman

A young man returns to the spooky Victorian house that traumatized him as a lad in this low-budget shrieker not screened for critics.

8 Pooh's Heffalump Movie

You can see the honey-coated moral coming from a mile away in this sweet baby blanket of a story. But it's refreshingly kid-friendly. (JEN CHANEY)

9 The Aviator

Martin Scorsese's Howard Hughes biopic is more vehicle than drama — it flies low and hard, moving so fast you don't notice the shortcuts and bad choices. (STEPHEN HUNTER)

10 Sideways

There's not a false note here, and it rambles along at its own good-natured pace, playing both for laughs and for laments. (TERESA WILTZ)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST FILM CRITICS
TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Hitch

Will Smith has enough smarts to laugh at himself playing a successful "date doctor." The film works best with Smith and Kevin James having a blast. (SEAN DALY)

2 Constantine

It has some great visual passages, but the screenplay is uninvolving. Still, Keanu Reeves as the titular tormented demon-buster is endearing for his off-handedness. (DESSON THOMSON)

3 Because of Winn-Dixie

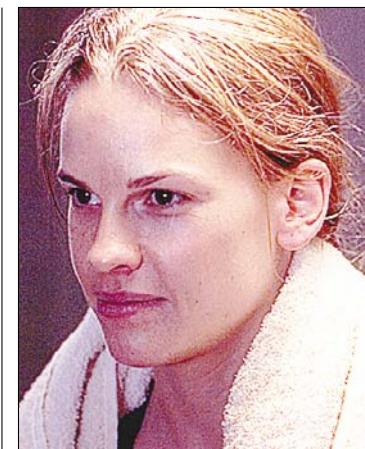
Wayne Wang takes the classic Disney story of a girl and her dog and transforms it into a homespun celebration of eccentricity. (DESSON THOMSON)

4 Son of the Mask

In this anemic sequel to the Jim Carrey vehicle, Jamie Kennedy is burdened with a computer-animated dog and a baby. (MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN)

5 Million Dollar Baby

The film's heart lies in the core rela-



COURTESY AMPAS

Many Oscar-watchers say Hilary Swank is a lock for "Million Dollar Baby."

→ Indies, Arties & Others

→ **THE LONDON BOY**: AFI Silver's Nollywood showcase continues with Simi Opeoluwa's film about a Nigerian in the European capital. Saturday, 5 p.m.; 301-495-6720.

→ **NOBODY KNOWS**: Hirokazu Kore-edo's film about three resilient orphans. Landmark E Street Cinema, beginning Friday; 202-452-7672.

→ **ANGEL ON MY SHOULDER**: The Library of Congress presents Archie Mayo's 1946 noir study. Friday at 7 p.m.; 202-707-5677.

→ **TROUBLE MAN**: Also at the LoC is this classic of blaxploitation. Thursday at 7 p.m.; 202-707-5677.

The Scene

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SOUND

9:30 Club: Thu., Wilco, Detholz, 7:30 p.m., sold out; Fri., Sound Tribe Sector 9, Brazilian Girls, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Kings of Leon, Vagenius, 9 p.m., \$15; Sun., Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Carbon Leaf, 7:30 p.m., \$25. 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

Apex: Thu., College Night, 9 p.m., \$5, free to students; Fri., DJ Melissa, VJs Tony Velasco, Mike Lake, 9 p.m., \$8; Sat., Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8. 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

Black Cat: Thu. & Fri., Teanbeat 20th Anniversary, 8 p.m., \$12; Fri., Girl Friday, 10 p.m., \$5; Sat., Ratatat, The Double, Soft Complex, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Bliss Dancy party with DC Will Eastman, 9 p.m., \$6; Sun., The Frames, Mark Geary, 9:30 p.m., \$12. 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

Blues Alley: Thu., Susan Allen, 8 & 10 p.m., \$16; Fri.-Sun., David Benoit, 8 & 10 p.m., \$30. 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

Birchmere Music Hall: Thu., Edwin McCain, Brian Van Der Ark (of The Verve Pipe), 7:30 p.m., \$25; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Nils Lofgren, 7:30 p.m., \$35. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 800-551-7328.

The Classics: Sat., Suttle Thoughts, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$20. 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Md.; 301-420-5353.

Club Amazon: Thu., Big G Project, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., International Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Lissen Band, 11 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Flow College Night, 10 p.m., \$10. 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

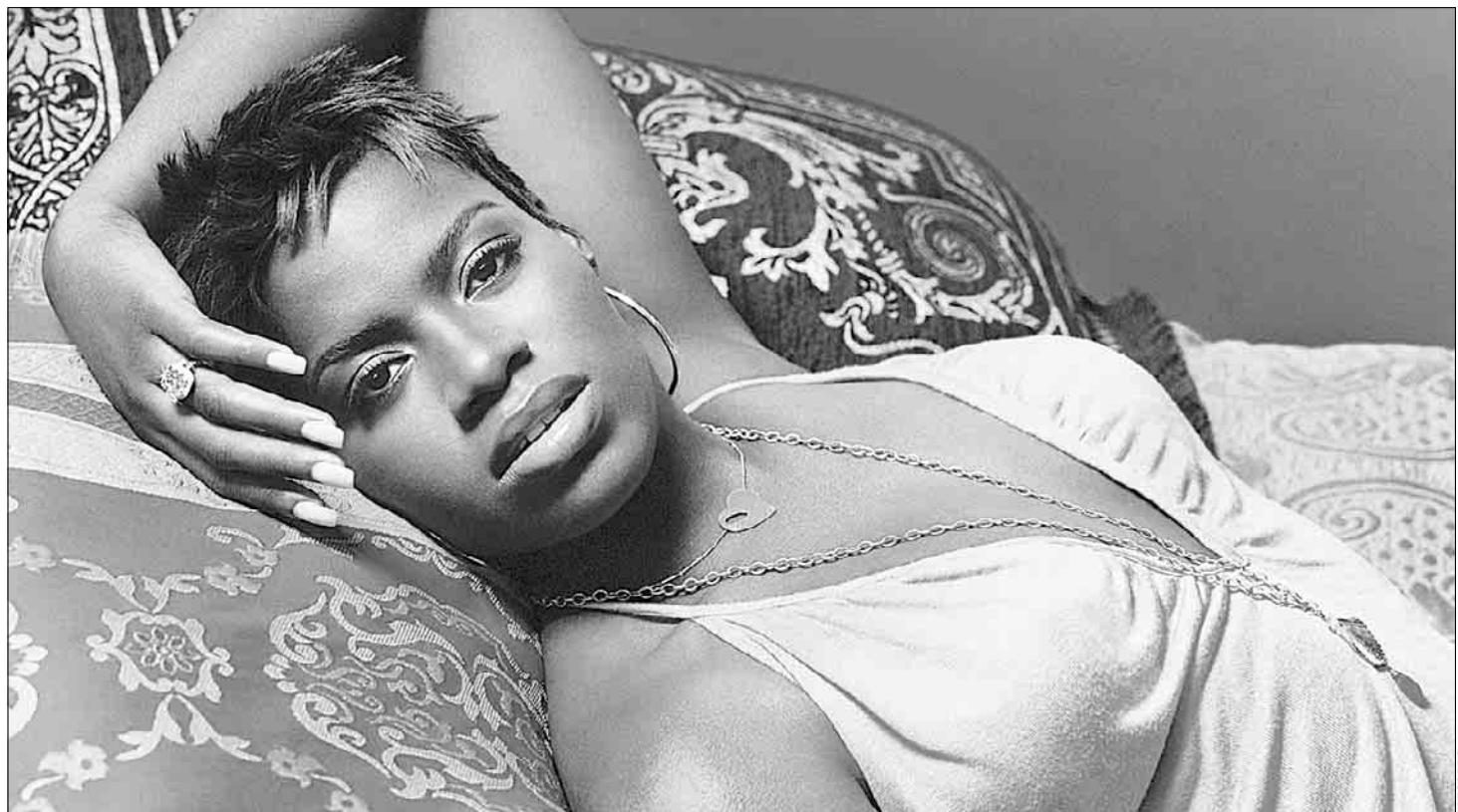
Club Five: Thu., Pasion, 10 p.m., \$5; Fri., Pearl, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., Loveslap with Charles Spencer & Luis Baro, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Sunday Mass, 6 a.m., \$10; Velvet Nation, 10 p.m., \$10. 1214-B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Crossroads: Thu., Anything Goes Thursday, 10 p.m., \$10; Fri., Atlantik featuring Destra Garcia, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Swatch, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., DJ Obsession, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15. 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

Daedalus: Sat., Celebrate the Legends: Party Vegas Style, 10:30 p.m., free with RSVP. 1010 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-369-5600.

DC 9: Thu., The Sentiment, The Lucky Basterds, Falls of the Neuse, 9 p.m., \$7; Fri., Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5; Sat.,

LIVE R&B | IDOL EYES



RECORDS

SHE'S A WINNER: Not to cast aspersions on Fox's juggernaut, but are the "American Idol" winners shaking out to be ... a little bland? No wonder the Idolsphere was all shook when big-voiced, booty-vibrating, back-talking, angelic-singing Fantasia scooped the whole thing up with her silk wraps last season. A true star deserving of more than her TV-bestowed tiara, Fantasia brings her inspirational R&B to the nightclub Fur this Thursday night with special guest Amarie.

Electroease: DC 12 Inch & DJ Ca\$hy, 9 p.m., free; Sun., The Groaning CD

Release party, American Sinner, Dead New Year, 9 p.m., \$6. 1949 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

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Night, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Deep Dish, 9 p.m., \$15. 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.

Galaxy Hut: Thu., Anti-Folk Troubadour, Jinx Lennon; Sat., Alice Despard Group, Rose; Sun., Meredith Bragg & the Terminals, In Interview; all shows 9:45 p.m., free. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

H2O: Thu., Usual Suspects Happy Hour & Dance Party, 5-11 p.m., \$15; Fri., International Night, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Soul Food Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$15. 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

Home: Thu., College Night, 10 p.m., \$15; Fri., The Penthouse, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., JetSet Saturdays, 10 p.m., \$15; Sun., President's Day Extravaganza, 10 p.m., \$15. 911 F St. NW; 202-638-4663.

Iota Club & Café: Thu., Mary Lou Lord, Phaser, 9 p.m., \$11; Fri., Wendy Lebeau and her Beaus, The Fleabops, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Sat., Shawn Mullins, Griffin House, 9:30 p.m., \$14; Sun., James McMurtry, 8:30 p.m., \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: Thu. & Fri., Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, Braddigan, Matt Wertz, 8 p.m., \$12; Sat., Shane Hines, Anthony Fiacco, 7:30 p.m., \$10; Sun., Tom Russell, Andrew Hardin, 7 p.m., \$15. 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: Thu., Cryptopsy, Cattle Decapitation, The Autumn Offering, Modulus, Mortid,

7 p.m., \$15; Fri., The Speaks, Midnite Roger, Jezebel's Cure, As Promised, 7:30 p.m., \$10; Sat., Jackyl, Vollmer, U M 4 It, Metal Factor, 7 p.m., \$22; Sun., Otep, American Head Charge, Candiria, Blood Simple, Stuck in Kaos, Tapered Mind, 6 p.m., \$18. 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, Va.; 703-569-5940.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage:

Thu., Manhattan School of Music; Fri., Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin College; Sat., Cleveland Institute of Music; Sun., University of Michigan, all shows 6 p.m., free. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: Thu.-Sat., NSO Pops: Radio Days, 7 p.m. (Thu.), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$20-\$80. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

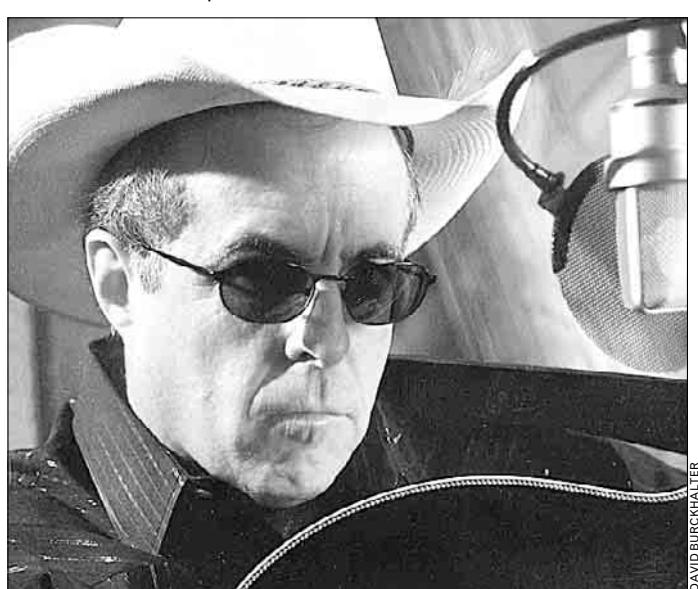
Kennedy Center, Terrace Gallery: Thu., Jason Moran & The Bandwagon, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$25; Fri. & Sat., Vanessa Rubin and All-Stars: "The Tadd Dameron Vocal," 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$25. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Madam's Organ: Thu., Patrick Alban, Noche Latina, 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$7; Fri., BBQ Bob & the Spareribs, 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sat., TBA, TD McDonald (to open) 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sun., The Pete Beck Band, 9 p.m., \$2-\$3. 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370.

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Cubik, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat.-Sun., Exposure (over 20 local bands), 11 a.m., \$13. 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

Rams Head Tavern: Thu., Chris Duarte, Anthony Gomes, 8 p.m., \$21.45; Fri., Pat McGee — An Acoustic Evening with Friends, 7 & 10 p.m., \$19.50; Sat., Shivarree, 7 p.m., \$13.50; Sun., Hapa, 3 & 7 p.m., \$26.95. 33 West St., Annapolis, Md., 410-268-4545.

Republic Gardens: Thu., Live Jazz

Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., Ol' School Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Remedy, 9 p.m., \$10. 1355 U St. NW; 202-232-2710.

State Theater: Fri., The Papas Underground, Machetes, Karma, 9 p.m., \$5; Sat., Leon Russell, 9 p.m., \$19. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 800-551-7328.

Twins Jazz: Fri. & Sat., Buck Hill, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15; Sun., Jam Session w/ Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m., \$10. 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

Whitlow's on Wilson: Thu., Monticello Road; Fri., Soldiers of Jah Army; Sat., The Reflex; all shows 9:30 p.m., \$4-\$5. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Clarendon, Va.; 703-276-9693.

Wolf Trap: Thu., Schooner Fare, 8 p.m., \$20; Fri. & Sat., Hapa, 8 p.m. (Fri.), 3 & 7:30 p.m. (Sat.), \$22. 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 301-255-1900.

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SIGHT

Anacostia Museum: On Their Own: Selected Works by Self-Taught Artists. Chris Clark, Mary Proctor, Simon Jackson, Ruby Williams are some of the self-taught artists on display. The Art of Charles Smith. New Orleans artist's cast-iron sculptures. In Celebration of Black Men: The Quilt. Thirteen Washington-area African-Americans created this story quilt in 1995, through June 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Asia in America: Views of Chinese Art From the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Art spanning 4,000 years of history, through March 20. Iraq and China: Ceramics, Trade and Innovation. Treasure and history, through April 24. Cai Guo-Qiang: Traveler. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at Hirshhorn and Sackler, through April 24. Asian Games: The Art of the Contest. Influential games and sports out of Asia, such as polo, chess and sumo wrestling, through May 15. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-357-4880.

The Black Rock Center of the Arts: Acrylic and Oil: Chica Brunsold and Francisco Quintanilla. Combination exhibit of acrylic and oil paintings, through March 16. 12901 Towns Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-528-2260.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of Art: Allyn Massey: Lament. Prints and etchings from the artist, closes Mon-

day. The Body Politic: Portraits of American Presidents. From the Corcoran's permanent collection, through Mar. 6. Frank Gehry, Architect: Designs for Museums. Showcases Gehry's museum projects and plans for the Corcoran addition, through March 21. Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art. Examines diversity in how American artists represent the body, through May 23. Maiolicas: Italian Renaissance Ceramics. Decorated tin-glazed earthenware from Renaissance Italy, through July 11. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Letter-Writing in Renaissance England. An overview of the early 16th- through 18th-century culture of letter-writing, through April 2. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Contemporary Drawings. A survey by gallery and invited artists, through March 9. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Mary Lang. D.C. debut of New England photographer, through March 15. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art: Young Whistler: Early Prints and the French Set. Whistler's paintings, watercolors and drawings, through March 13. Luxury and Luminosity. Ming dynasty treasures including porcelain, textiles, lacquer and paintings, through June 26. Boating on a River. The role of boats in Chinese painting, through August 14. 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

Fusebox: Valeska Soares: Notations. A mixed-media exhibition, through April 9. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

G Fine Art: Loop: curated by Christopher Cox. Yes, loops, and how they feature in contemporary audio and visual art, through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

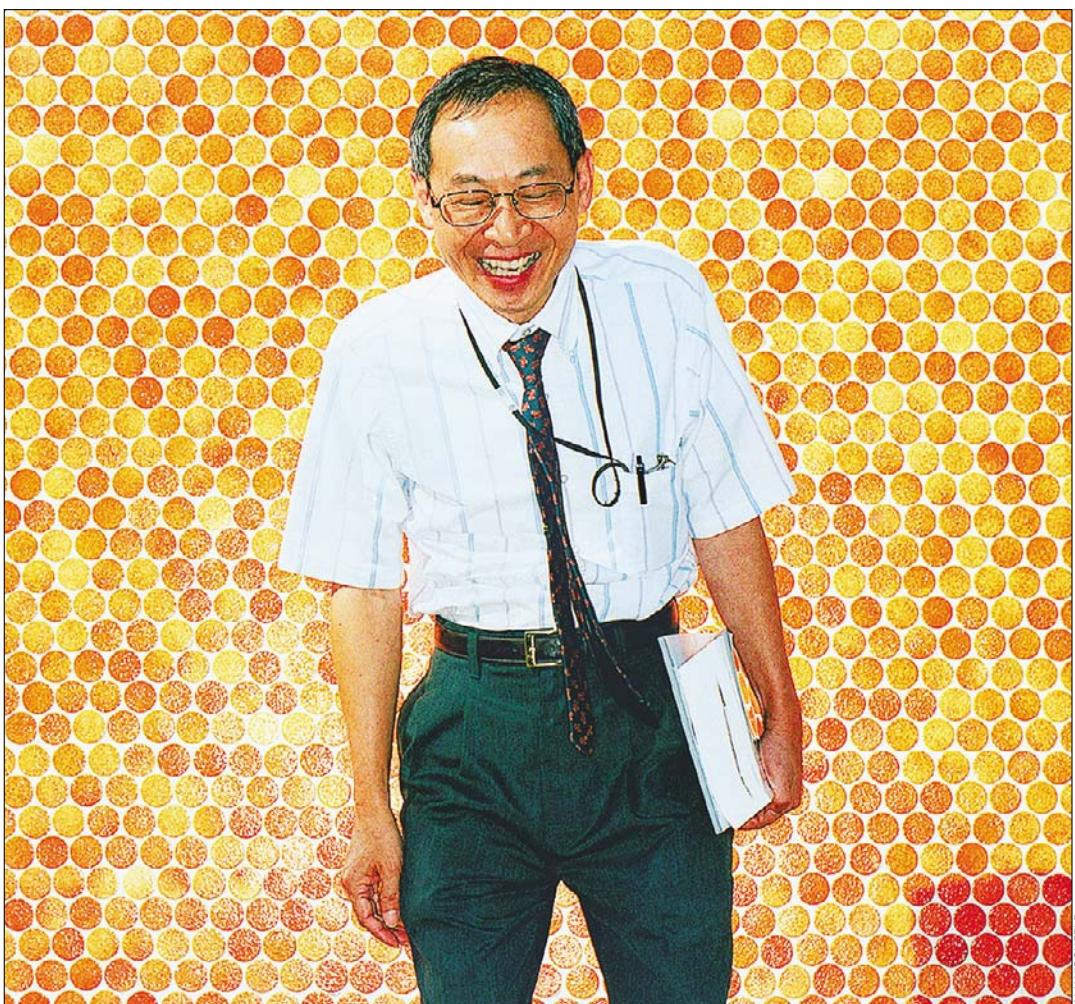
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MAX HIRSHFELD

PICTURES OF YOU: In Max Hirshfeld's series of "One Shots," now at Hemphill Fine Arts, the artist places his rather ordinary subjects against extraordinary backgrounds and then brings out the bravura eccentricity of the individual, so that his photographs are as interesting fore as they are aft. Above, "I Chih-Chen," shot in Washington in 2003.

LAST CHANCE Govinda Gallery: Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Review: Photographs by Ken Regan of Dylan's 1975 tour, closes Sat. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-333-1180.

Hemphill Fine Arts: Max Hirshfeld: One Shot; Eliot Elisofon, photographs, both through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hirshhorn Museum: Cai Guo-Qiang: Directions. Contemporary Chinese-born artist has works on display at both the Hirshhorn and Sackler, through April 24. Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor. Soothing and provocative pieces by the Japanese-American master sculptor, through May 8. Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674.

LAST CHANCE Irvine Contemporary Art: Amy Ross & Robert Gutierrez. Depictions of ancient myth and science fiction from two artists, closes Sat. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

LAST CHANCE Kathleen Ewing Gallery: Janos Enyedi: The American Industrial Landscape—Reconstructed: Power, Steel, Concrete. Photographs of American

industry, closes Sat. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

National Building Museum: Origami as Architecture. Showcases the traditional art of paper-folding and new forms of architecture inspired by the art, through March 27. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete. Recent projects displaying the material's strength, versatility and potential, through April 17. New Designs for Public Space. How public space can generate urban revitalization, through May 15. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits. Religious portraits from late 1650s and early 1660s, through May 1. André Kertész. A retrospective of the photographer's 70-year-plus career, through May 15. Fauve Painting From the Permanent Collection. Bold palettes and loose brushwork caused Matisse and fellow Parisians to be called artistic "wild beasts," through May 30. Cotton Puffs, Q-Tips, Smoke and Mirrors: The Drawings of Ed Ruscha. Juxtaposes words and images from contemporary artist, through May 30. 600 Constitution

Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Museum of African Art: Treasures. Highlights of museum's pieces and private collections, through Aug. 15. Textures: Word and Symbol in Contemporary African Art. Text or graphic symbols in art, through Sept 9. The Art of the Personal Object, permanent. Ceramics at NMAA, permanent. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

National Museum of American History: Ralph Bunche: African-American/Global Citizen. The many identities and achievements of the UN diplomat, Nobel Peace Prize winner and African-American mediator, through March 31. Sports: Breaking Barriers, Breaking Records. Artifacts from athletes who have impacted sport and society, through April 7. Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education. Exhibit reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking integration decision, through May 31. Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen. The late, great chef's pots, pans, knives — even

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her kitchen sink — are on view, intact and untouched, through Sept. 30. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of the American Indian: Native Modernism: George Morrison and Allan Houser. Contemporary works on display, through Sept. 21. 4th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Orchids: The Orchid Express: From Mountaintop to Tabletop. Discusses the transformation and discovery of the beautiful, delicate flower, through May 1. Hawaiian Treasures. Presents key objects of Hawaiian cultural and ethnic identity, through March. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Feminist Works on Paper From the Permanent Collection, through March 13. Berthe Morisot: An Impressionist and Her Circle. More than 75 works by female Impressionist Morisot and her colleagues, through May 8. A Living Tradition: Pueblo Pottery From the Permanent Collection. A display of vessels by Pueblo Indians, through May 15. 250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

Octagon Museum: Doodles, Drafts and Designs: Industrial Drawings From the Smithsonian Institution. From the crayon to the sewing machine — sketches, drawings and documents of domestic and industrial icons, through April 30. 1799 New York Ave. NW; 202-638-3105.

LAST CHANCE Ralls Collection: Rebecca Cross: New Ceramic Works. Colorfully painted ceramic pieces, closes Sat. Mira Hecht: Full Circle. Oil paintings of colorful circles, closes Sat. 1516 31st St. NW; 202-342-1754.

LAST CHANCE S. Dillon Ripley Center: Winogrand 1964. Photographer Gary Winogrand's images from 1964, closes Sun. In the Russian Tradition: A Historic Collection of 20th-Century Russian Paintings. The works of Russian artists perhaps unfamiliar even to art lovers, through March 20. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

Textile Museum: A Garden of Shawls: The Buta and Its Seed. Exhibit on the development of Kashmir's famous wraps, through March 6. Beyond the Bag: Textiles as Containers. Shows the beauty and utility of textile bags, through June 5. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

LAST CHANCE Zenith Gallery: A New Look. New works by gallery artists, closes Monday. 901 E St. NW; 202-783-2963.

STAGE

The All Night Strut!: A classy and sassy musical with tunes from the 1930s and '40s, through March 27, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$32-\$37. Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Alvin Ailey

American Dance Theater: The annual engagement from the innovative and athletic modern dance troupe presents works old and new, 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 1:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$29-\$71. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-467-4600.

istic dance-play about the human experience and capability for compassion and evil, through March 6, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$24-\$29. Classika Theatre, 4041 S. 28th St. Arlington; 703-824-8060.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY BosmaDance:

An ensemble work, "In Plaster," which takes an intimate look at depression and the self-inflicted obstacles of dependence and control, 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$20. Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts at Maryland, University of Maryland, University Boulevard and Stadium Drive, College Park; 301-405-2787.

772-4900.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Colin Quinn:

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LAST CHANCE Defending the Cave-

man: Popular one-man comedy about the differences between men and women, closes Sat., 7:30 p.m. (Thu. & Fri.), 5 & 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$35. Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington.

seduction of a college grad by an older woman (played by TV star Morgan Fairchild), 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat.), 1 & 6:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$32.50-\$62.50. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-397-7328.

LAST CHANCE Intimations for Saxo-

phone: Prosperity and prohibition in the Jazz Age set the stage for this play, closes Sun., 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$45-\$59. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

International Festival of Hispanic

Theatre: Showcases Spanish-language works from around the globe, through March 10, 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat.), \$20-\$25. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 202-882-6227.

Lorenzaccio: A new production of Alfred de Musset's gripping revenge drama, through March 6, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$23-\$68. The Shakespeare Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

LAST CHANCE The Member of the

Wedding: Carson McCullers' drama about the relationship between a motherless 12-year-old white girl and her family's black maid in the 1940s, through Sun., 1 p.m. (Select weekdays), 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Thu. & Sun.), \$16-\$48. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Oliver!: Musical of an orphan boy whose fortunes rise and fall, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$10. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College, 511 Mankake St., Rockville; 301-279-5301.

LAST CHANCE Pecan Tan: African Continuum Theatre Company: An African-American discovers he has a daughter he never knew about in this comedy, through Sun., 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$25-\$30. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St., NE; 202-396-2125.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Peter and the Wolf: Sat., noon. Classic musical tale by members of CityDance Ensemble and the Levine School of Music faculty musicians, free. Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5100.

Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding

Hood: This spicy musical version of the Red Riding Hood story is set in the bayou, through April 3, 3:30 & 7 p.m. (Sat.), 12:30 & 3:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$10-\$15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

The Playboy of the Western World:

Keegan Theatre: A staging of the J.M. Synge classic about a stranger who wreaks havoc in a small Irish town, through March 19, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$25. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 202-265-3767.

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LAST CHANCE Black Milk: Set in a train-station waiting room, two Moscow natives travel to rural Russia to fleece peasants, through Sun., 8 p.m. (Thu.), 8 p.m. (Fri.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$48. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

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ton; 703-573-7328.

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\$84. Kennedy Center, 2700 F. St., NW; 202-467-4600.

LAST CHANCE Romeo & Juliet: A well-reviewed staging of Shakespeare's timeless tragedy, closes Sun., 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 (Sun.), \$30-\$48. Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

Saint Joan: A modern view of French mar-

tyr Joan of Arc by George Bernard Shaw, through March 20, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.). \$15-\$39. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400.

The Scarlet Letter: British playwright Phyllis Nagy's adapts Nathaniel Hawthorne tale of a woman scorned by her

Puritan village, through March 12, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), \$19.50. Casa del Pueblo, 1459 Columbia Road, NW; 800-494-8497.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Washington Ballet Kids' Gala: Sat., 2:30 p.m., This interactive demonstration features family-friendly dance works, \$48-\$84. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-234-7174.

467-4600.

Yerma: GALA Hispanic Theater: Federico Garcia Lorca's tale of a barren housewife in a culture of mother-worship is presented in Spanish with English subtitles, through March 13, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.), \$28-\$32. GALA at Tivoli Theatre, 3303 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174.

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BEIRUT: Challenge Georgetown students to a game of Beirut—aka beer pong—every Tuesday night at The Tombs (1226 36th St. NW; 202-337-



Georgetown senior Roxanne Tinigr takes a shot in Beirut at The Tombs.

6668) starting at 10 p.m. While most beer pong games involve tossing a ping-pong ball into cups of beer (then drinking them), at the Tombs "we actually play with cups of water,"

admitted manager Reggie Eda. When players make a cup, it's removed from the table. Winners can score Budweiser T-shirts or other prizes from the promo teams who stop by.

BLADDER BUSTERS: Test the strength of your pelvic muscles at the Santa Fe Café (4410 Knox Rd., College Park; 301-779-1345). The set-up: The bathroom doors are taped shut; a \$20 bill dangles from the ceiling outside as bait. Until someone enters the bathroom, 22-ounce drafts go for just 50 cents. The first customer who breaks the seal ruins the deal.

Regular players agree that guys can generally hold out longer than girls (draw your own conclusions). "The games range from 15 minutes to an hour, depending on the a**holiness of the person who busts it up," said Jackie Abraham, a University of Maryland student and Bladder Buster veteran. "They get taunted and booed until they are forced to leave." Once, she said, the victim was doused with beer.

The next game is March 3, starting at 9 p.m.

FLIP CUP: The Exchange Saloon (1719 G St. NW; 202-393-4690) hosts this impromptu relay-style race as it sees fit—usually on Thursday through Saturday nights. Each team player, one at a time, downs a beer as quickly as possible, puts the empty cup on the edge of the table and attempts to flip it until it lands upright. Not surprisingly, the game gets harder as you play.

Upon request, the bar will bust out three-foot-long troughs filled with two pitchers of beer (lukewarm, to prevent brain freeze). Teams of six to eight players suck it up through straws "as fast as humanly possible," said manager Eric Cicero. "The record is 20 seconds and that was pretty amazing," he said. "Generally, it takes 40 seconds to one minute."

A pay-to-play competition for charity is planned for April 16.

POWER HOUR: Accompanied by a soundtrack of toe-tapping tunes, players down a shot of beer each time a new song comes on every minute for an hour. That's about six 12 oz. beers; many players "cheat" and drink less (a good idea, if you ask us). It's played every Tuesday night at Lupo's Italian Chophouse (7416 Baltimore Ave., College Park; 301-277-6225) beginning around 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$6. Get there early, as seats at the bar fill up fast. JAIME MALARKEY (EXPRESS)

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In the immortal words of Will Ferrell in "Anchorman," "I love Scotch. Scotchy Scotch Scotch." If you also love Scotch, **MIE N YU** and the National Distributing Company are hosting a tasting on March 3. Beverage specialist (by the way, how does one get that job?) Tim Elliot will be on hand to answer Scotchy Scotch questions.

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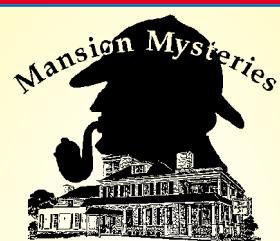
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